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カイが集落を去ってから数日。
セイ達の眼前に現れたのは、かつて
末遂者を運んできた船影だった。
サワダ側との争いが激化する中、"第二陣"の
出現は一体何をもたらすのか――!?
「オレは……未遂者じゃない」。
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恐れる事はない。
そんなに簡単に傷つけられたりしない。
辛がっている方が楽ならそれもいい。
でも、本当は戦えるはずだ。
戦う君に同志はきっと現れる。

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—I've heard of that...
...there are a bunch of rumors
spreading about it on the net.
The rising rate of suicidal people...
And how the country can no
longer support their expenses.
That's why they've chosen to discard them all...
And banish them to an island.
I think... it was to a place called
—"Suicide Island"

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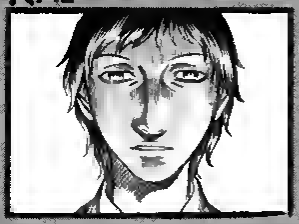
SUICIDE ISLAND

CAST OF CHARACTERS

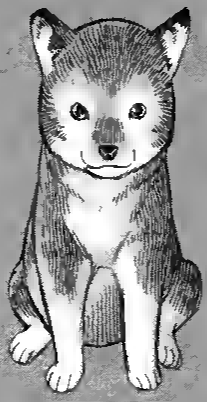
RYOU

A character currently acting like the leader of the group Ryou is in. He is very positive an unusual characteristic for a suicidal person.

KAI



An extremely calm and collected person. For inducing people to commit suicide he has been chased away from the community. He is now working together with Sawada.



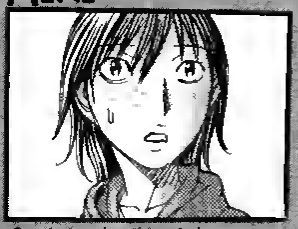
IKIRU

The puppy living in the cottage where the previous inhabitants lived. Sei picked him up as his hunting partner.

SEI

The protagonist of this volume, who was sent to the island after his failed suicide attempt. He can use a bow and started hunting.

MIKI



Good at swimming, she's a vigorous sort of girl. She's secretly in love with Ryou.

LIV

Stopped at the brink of committing suicide by Sei. Her real name is "Maria" but she hates that name.

KEN

One of the lawless types that attacked Sei, but after watching him hunt, was reformed.

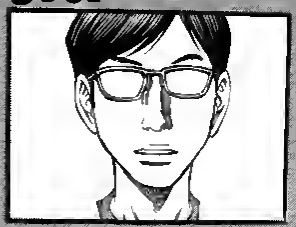
SAWADA

The man who rules the port area through violence. Rumored to be a cannibal, and therefore feared.

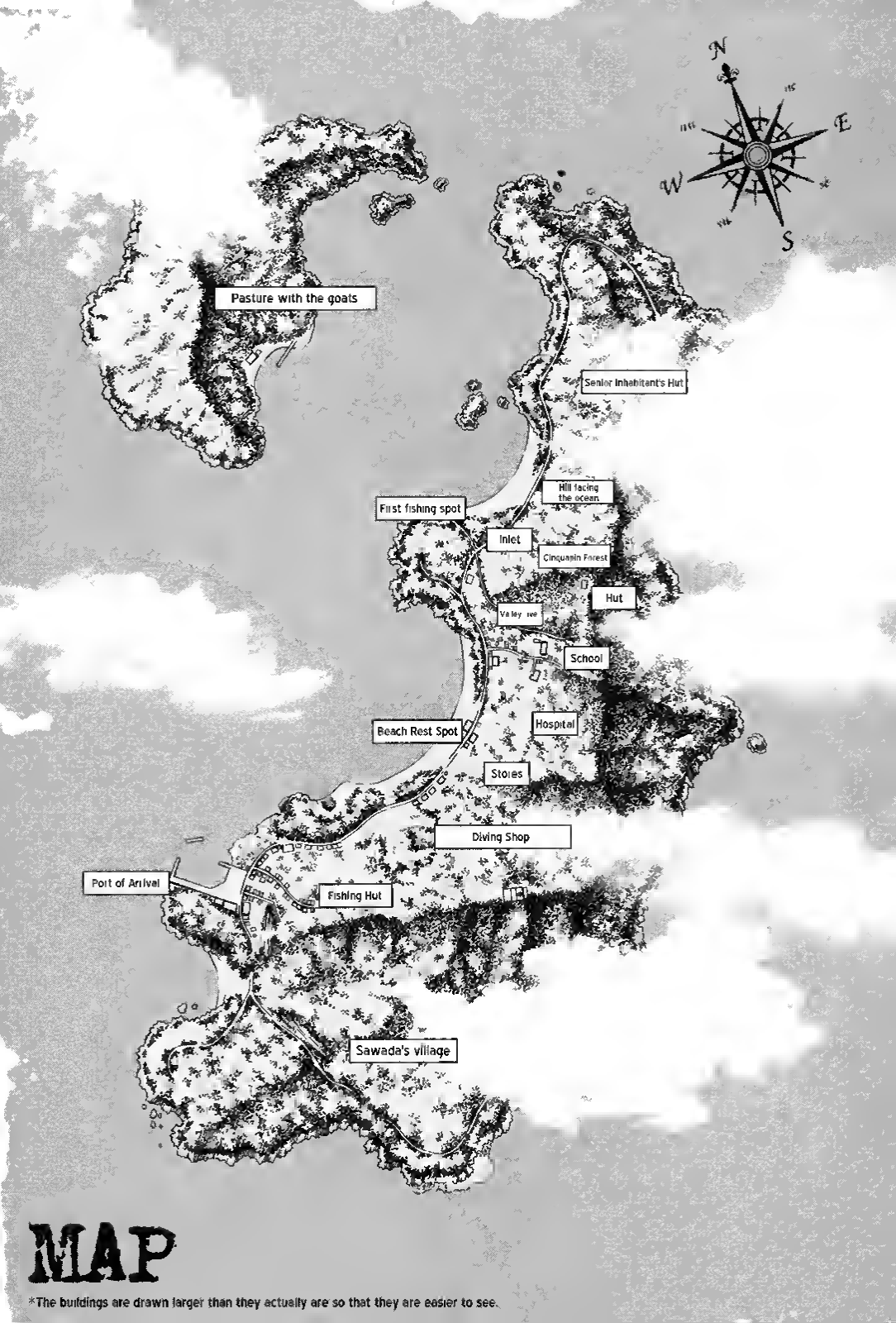
NAO

A person who came to Sei and company's settlement from the port area. A self styled "health therapist" (Prostitute).

SUGI



A person who knew of Suicide Island before the fact. He is very well-informed.



MAP

*The buildings are drawn larger than they actually are so that they are easier to see.

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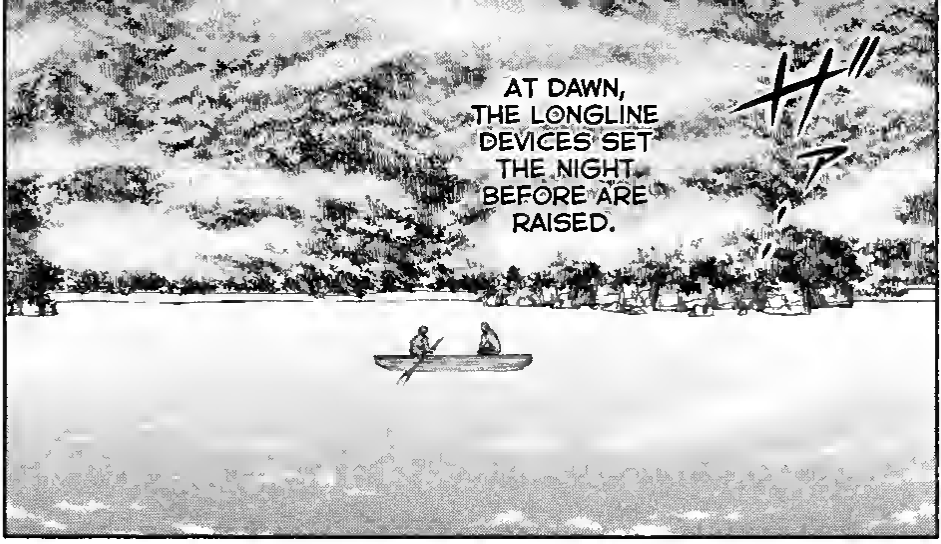
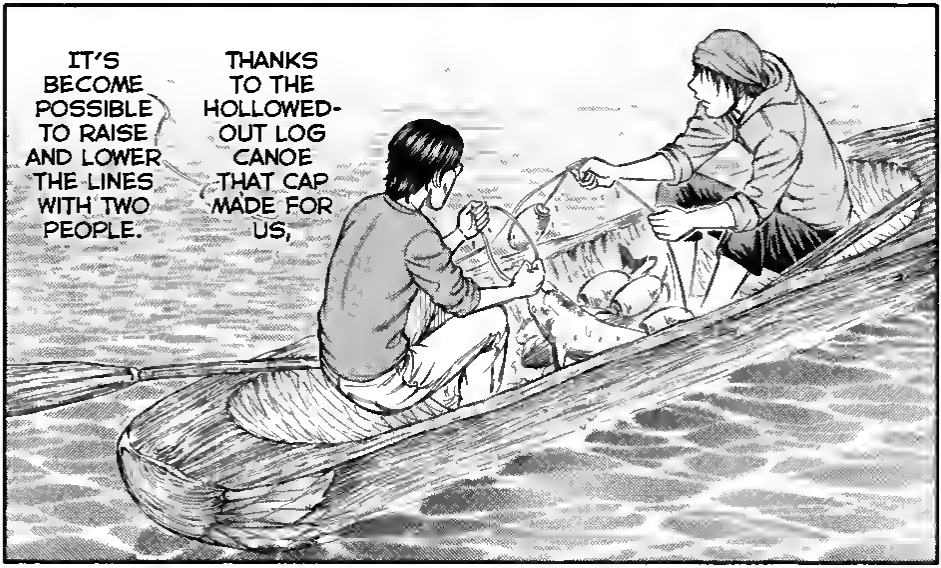
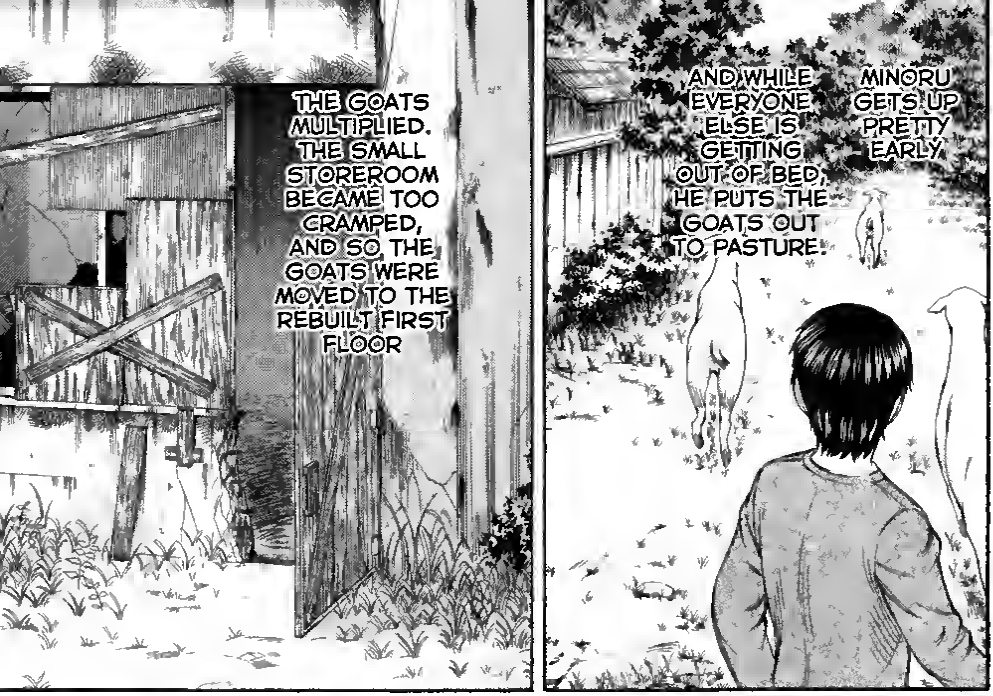
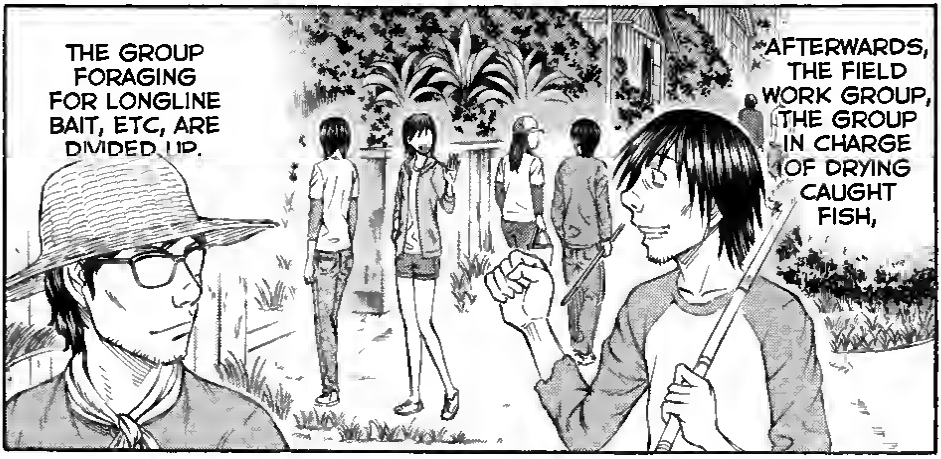

AT DAWN, THE LONGLINE DEVICES SET THE NIGHT BEFORE ARE RAISED.

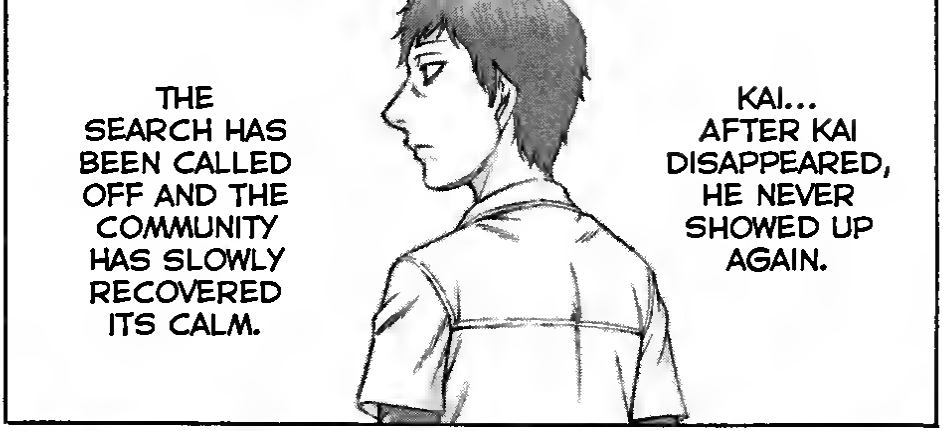

IT'S BECOME POSSIBLE TO RAISE AND LOWER THE LINES WITH TWO PEOPLE.
THANKS TO THE HOLLOWED-OUT LOG CANOE THAT CAP MADE FOR US,

HE WAS GOOD WITH HIS HANDS, AND FROM GOAT CAPTURING DEVICES TO FARMING IMPLEMENTS, HE WAS RELIED UPON TO HANDLE EVERYONE'S CARPENTRY NEEDS.
EVEN THOUGH CAP KEEPS SAYING "I CAN'T DO ANY-THING",

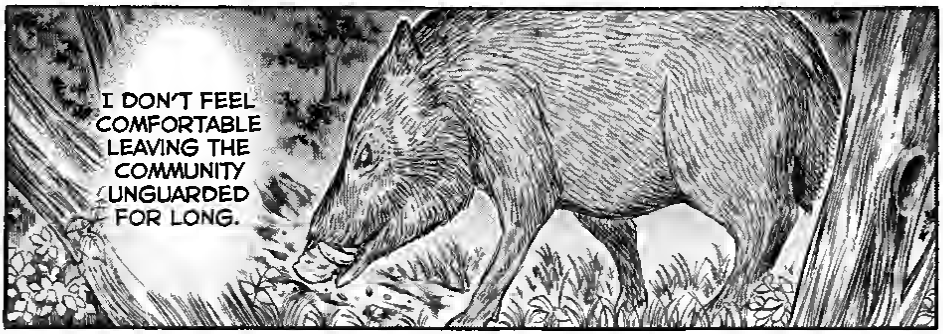

THE GOATS MULTIPLIED. THE SMALL STOREROOM BECAME TOO CRAMPED, AND SO THE GOATS WERE MOVED TO THE REBUILT FIRST FLOOR
MINORU GETS UP PRETTY EARLY
AND WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IS GETTING OUT OF BED, HE PUTS THE GOATS OUT TO PASTURE.

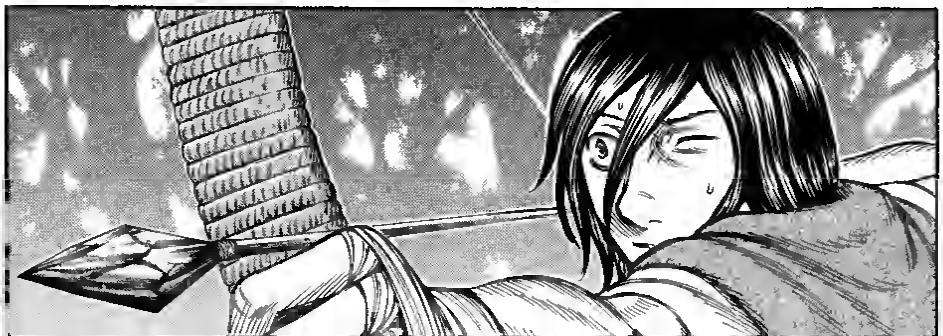

THE GROUP FORAGING FOR LONGLINE BAIT, ETC, ARE DIVIDED UP.
AFTERWARDS, THE FIELD WORK GROUP, THE GROUP IN CHARGE OF DRYING CAUGHT FISH,

UNTIL RECENTLY, KAI WAS ALSO THERE...
THE WORK CHANGES DAILY, AND THE PLANNING IS MOSTLY CENTERED AROUND SUGI'S DECISIONS.


THE SEARCH HAS BEEN CALLED OFF AND THE COMMUNITY HAS SLOWLY RECOVERED ITS CALM.
KAI... AFTER KAI DISAPPEARED, HE NEVER SHOWED UP AGAIN.

WE LEAVE EARLY IN THE MORNING AND GO ON DAY TRIP HUNTS.
I'M OFTEN IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH IKIRU.


I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE LEAVING THE COMMUNITY UNGUARDED FOR LONG.



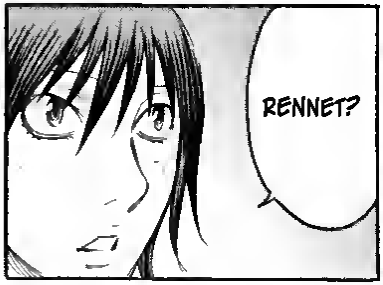
GHHHH!!

Ruff
Bark

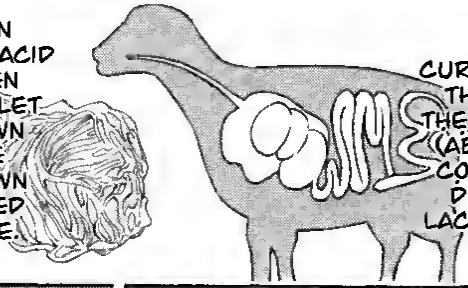
IN THE EVENING EVERYONE RETURNS, AND WE ALL GATHER THE GOATS TOGETHER.

WHEN EVERYONE DOES IT, IT DOESN'T TAKE TOO MUCH TIME.
THIS IS ONE HARD TASK, BUT

WHAT'S LEFTOVER FROM THE MILK EVERYONE DRINKS IS PUT ON THE FIRE. ONCE IT'S COOLED, IT'S PRESERVED IN THE STREAM.
ONCE THE GATHERED SHEEP ARE MILKED, THE FIELD WORK IS FINISHED.
.....
WHAT A FIRST WORLD PROBLEM.
BUT, SINCE WE CAN MILK THEM EVERY DAY, NO MATTER WHAT, SOME IS LEFT OVER...
EH...?
WOULD IT BE OKAY TO KILL ONE?
THOUGH WE HAVE QUITE A FEW KIDS...

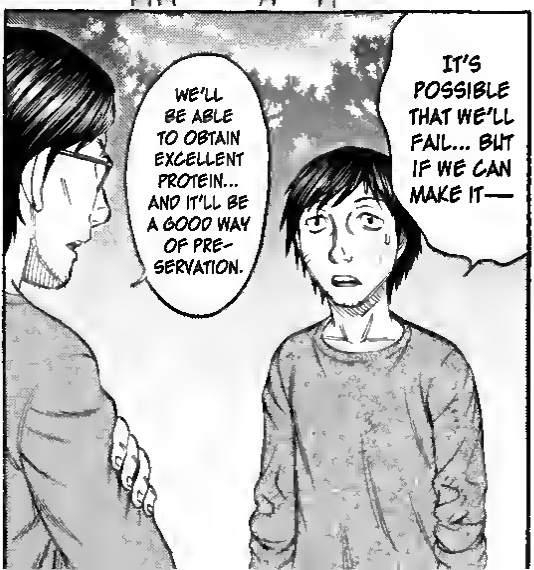


MILK THAT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO LACTIC ACID FERMENTATION, WHEN ADDED TO RENNET, IS LET TO COAGULATE (KNOWN AS CURDLING); THE LIQUID PORTION (KNOWN AS WHEY) IS REMOVED AND CHEESE IS MADE.



RENNET

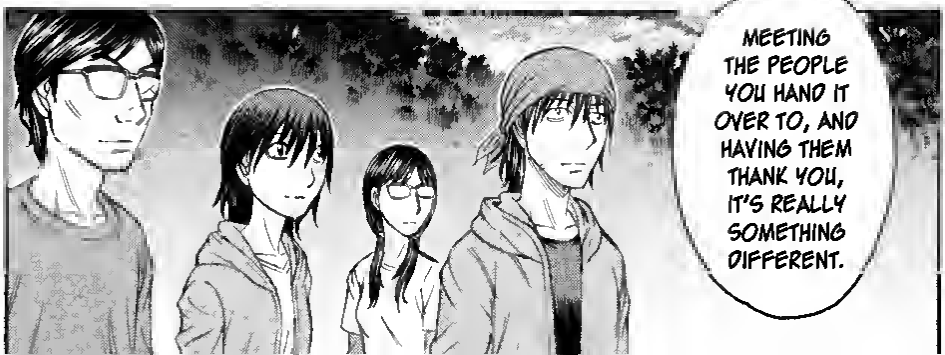
A CURDLING ENZYME THAT EXISTS IN THE 4TH STOMACH (ABOMASUM) OF COWS OR GOATS DURING THEIR LACTATION PERIOD

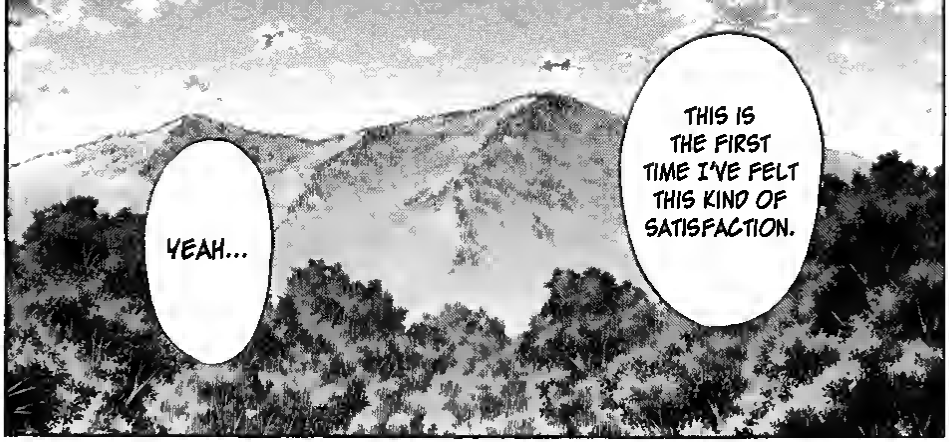

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WE'LL FAIL... BUT IF WE CAN MAKE IT—
WE'LL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN EXCELLENT PROTEIN... AND IT'LL BE A GOOD WAY OF PRE-SERVATION.

I... RESENTED MY FARMER FAMILY TO THE POINT THAT I LEFT HOME.
HOWEVER, IN THE END, I COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING AND COULDN'T DO ANYTHING

RIGHT!
BUT... DAMN, MINORU, YOU'RE AMAZING!
SERI-OUSLY.
N-NO, NOT AT ALL...

I NEVER THOUGHT PEOPLE WOULD SAY THESE THINGS TO ME.
EVEN THOUGH I HATED FARMING WORK... I USED TO THINK OF IT AS... JUST CRAMMING THE THINGS I MADE INTO A BOX.


MEETING THE PEOPLE YOU HAND IT OVER TO, AND HAVING THEM THANK YOU, IT'S REALLY SOMETHING DIFFERENT.


YEAH...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE FELT THIS KIND OF SATISFACTION.

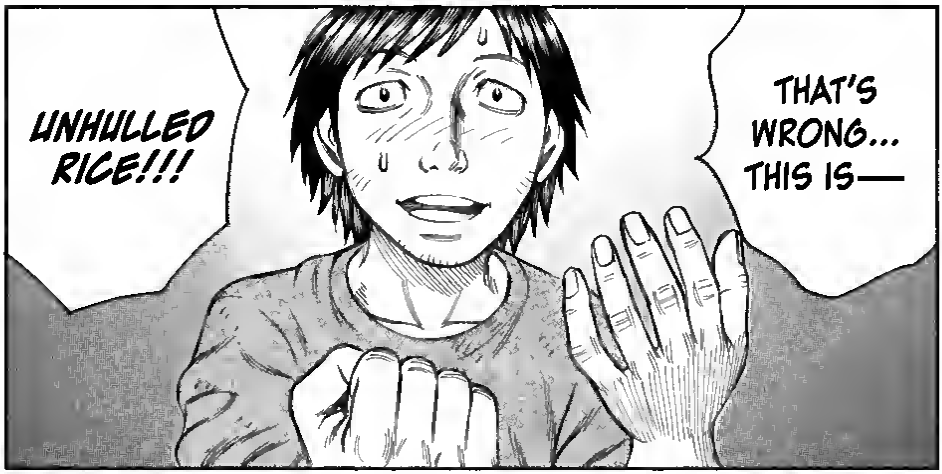
WHAT'S UP?
IN THE BASEMENT OF THE FARMHOUSE WAS A STOREROOM.

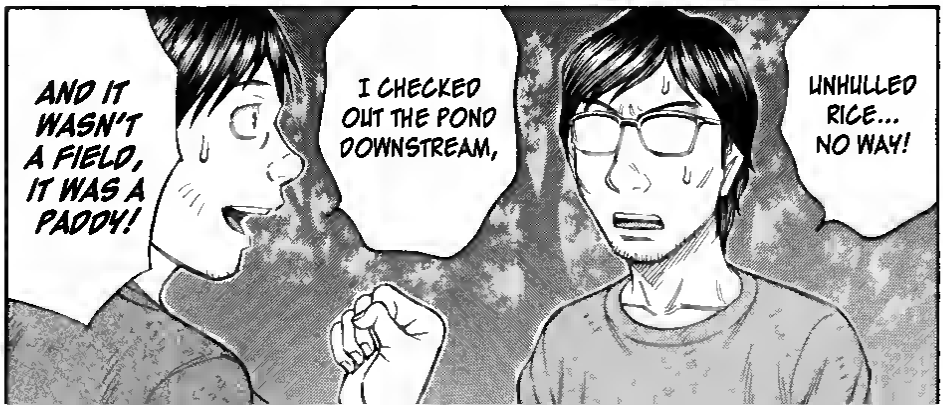
IN THERE, CAP AND I...
ゴソ..

TH-THAT'S RIGHT!
AH! SPEAKING OF FARM WORK... CAP!

THIS
IS WHAT WE FOUND.

ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO EAT RICE?
SERI-OUSLY?
WHAAAAT!?
HOLD ON! THAT'S NOT WHAT IT IS...
RICE!? ISN'T THIS RICE!!?
NO... THIS IS...
A SEED?


UNHULLED RICE!!!
THAT'S WRONG... THIS IS——


AND IT WASN'T A FIELD, IT WAS A PADDY!
I CHECKED OUT THE POND DOWNSTREAM,
UNHULLED RICE... NO WAY!

WE'LL BE ABLE... TO CULTIVATE RICE!!
IF WE HAVE RICE, WE'LL BE FINE... WE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP ON LIVING!
THIS... IS OUR FUTURE!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
IMPOS-SIBLE...

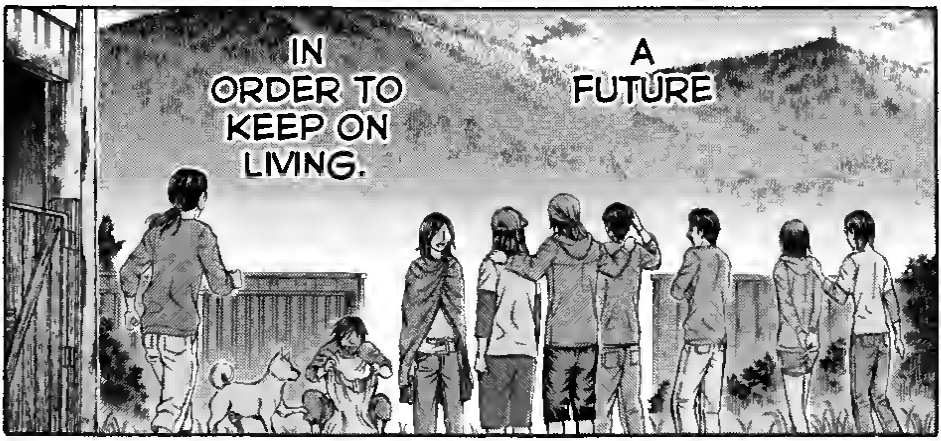
A FUTURE... FOR US...?
FU... TURE...

OH MAN, YOU LITTLE—
WHOAAA, WHAT?
MINORUU UUUUU!!

BUT, WE—
WHAT A DISTANT TERM.
FUTURE... FOR US, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE DAY-TO-DAY,

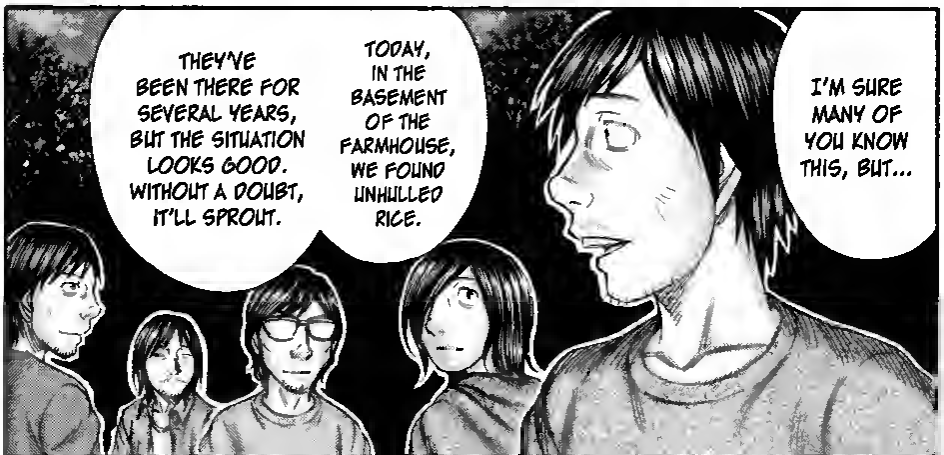
MIGHT HAVE NEEDED

SEI!

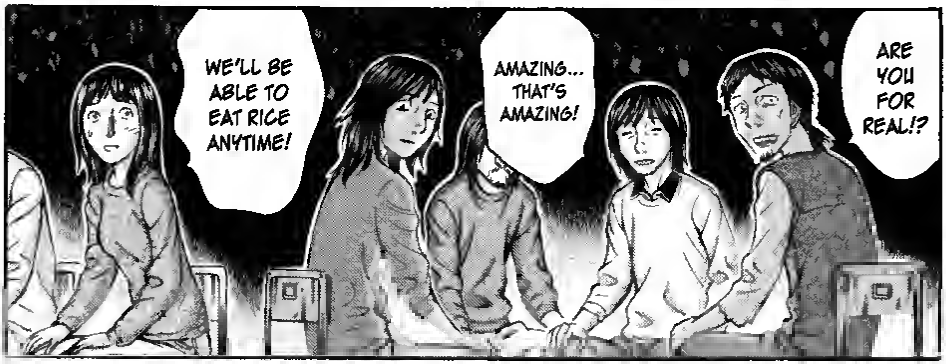

IN ORDER TO KEEP ON LIVING.
A FUTURE

GOOD WORK TODAY, EVERYONE!!
WE HAVE SOME GREAT NEWS TONIGHT.
FIRST, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE SEI AND IKIRU BROUGHT DOWN A BOAR FOR US!
WHOAAAA!
OHHHH!

AND THEN, WE HAVE SOME INFORMATION FROM MINORU.
MINORU!
R-RIGHT!


I'M SURE MANY OF YOU KNOW THIS, BUT...
TODAY, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE FARMHOUSE, WE FOUND UNHULLED RICE.
THEY'VE BEEN THERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT THE SITUATION LOOKS GOOD. WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT'LL SPROUT.

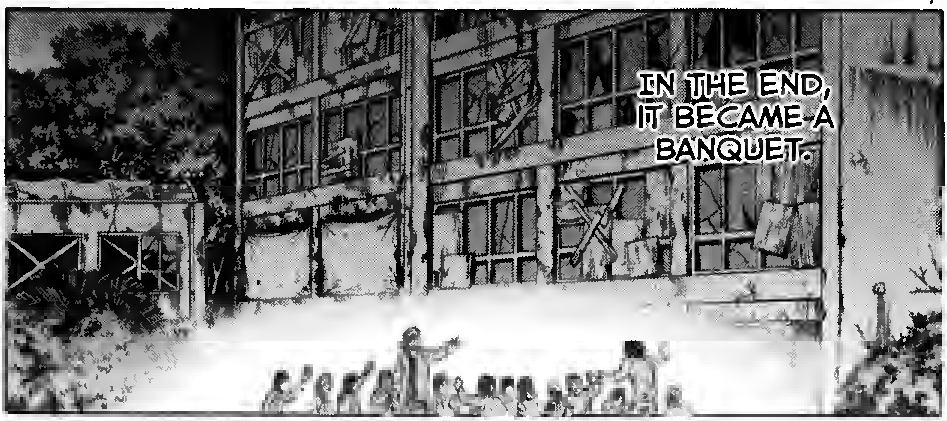
AFTER WINTER PASSES, WE'LL CULTIVATE RICE!!
THERE-FORE, WE—

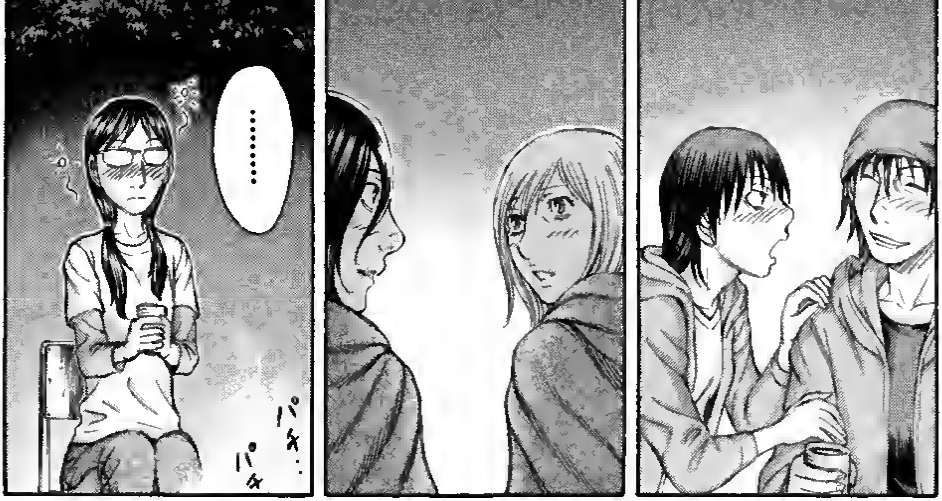

WE'LL BE ABLE TO EAT RICE ANYTIME!
AMAZING... THAT'S AMAZING!
ARE YOU FOR REAL!?

THIS!

CAP AND I ALSO FOUND ONE MORE THING...

*Rice whiskey

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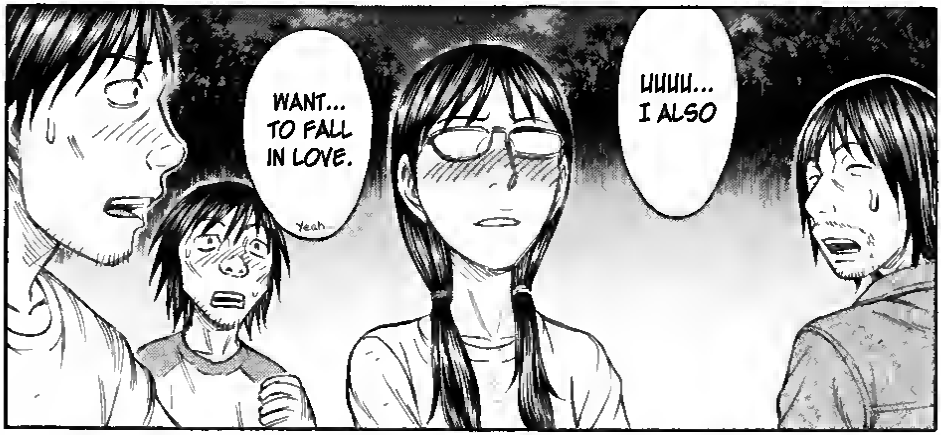
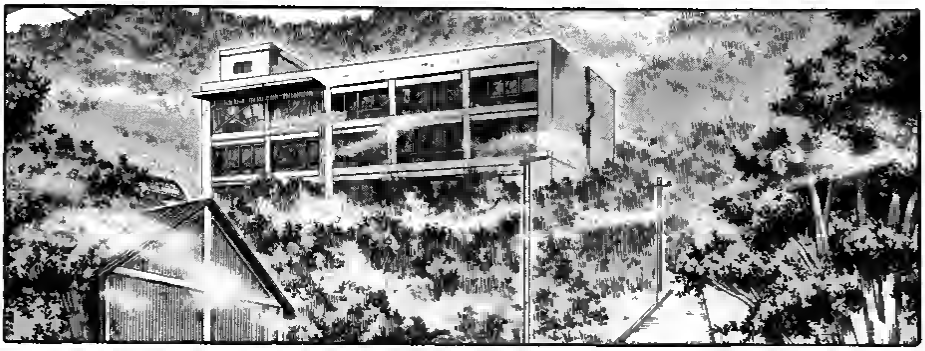
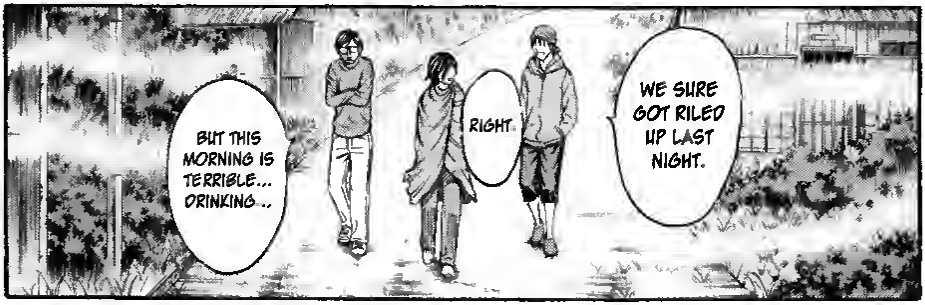
パタ...
パタ


WANT... TO FALL IN LOVE.
Yeah
UUUU... I ALSO

I... I'M SINGLE RIGHT NOW...
OHHH!
WHAT!? WITH WHO?
THINK... I MIGHT BE... IN...
SHUT UP, YOU GUYS CAN GO STICK IT IN NAO OR SOMETHING!
...I...
HEY...

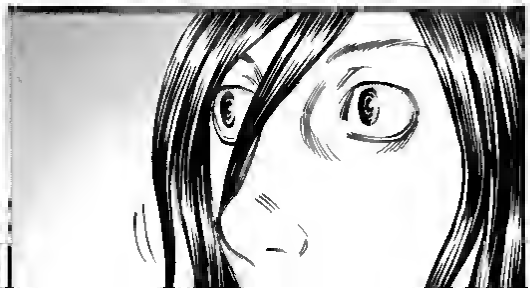
HEY, YOU ASSHOLE!
CAP!
ヒソ
ARE YOU SERIOUS ...!!?
CAP IS...
CAP?
...CA...
CAAAAP!
WAAAH!
HA HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA HA HA!
A HA HA HA!




BUT THIS MORNING IS TERRIBLE... DRINKING..
RIGHT.
WE SURE GOT RILED UP LAST NIGHT.

AHH...
HMM? WHAT'S UP?

AHAHAHA!
I JUST CAN'T APPROVE OF THAT!
BUT, DAMN, CAP... RIGHT?



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A...
A BOAT!!!
.....
THAT'S
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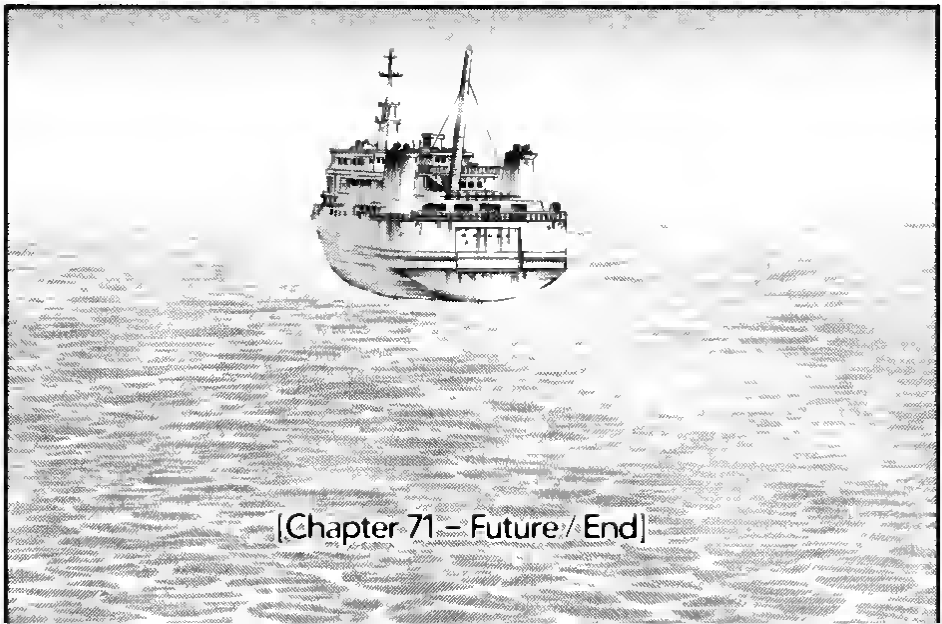
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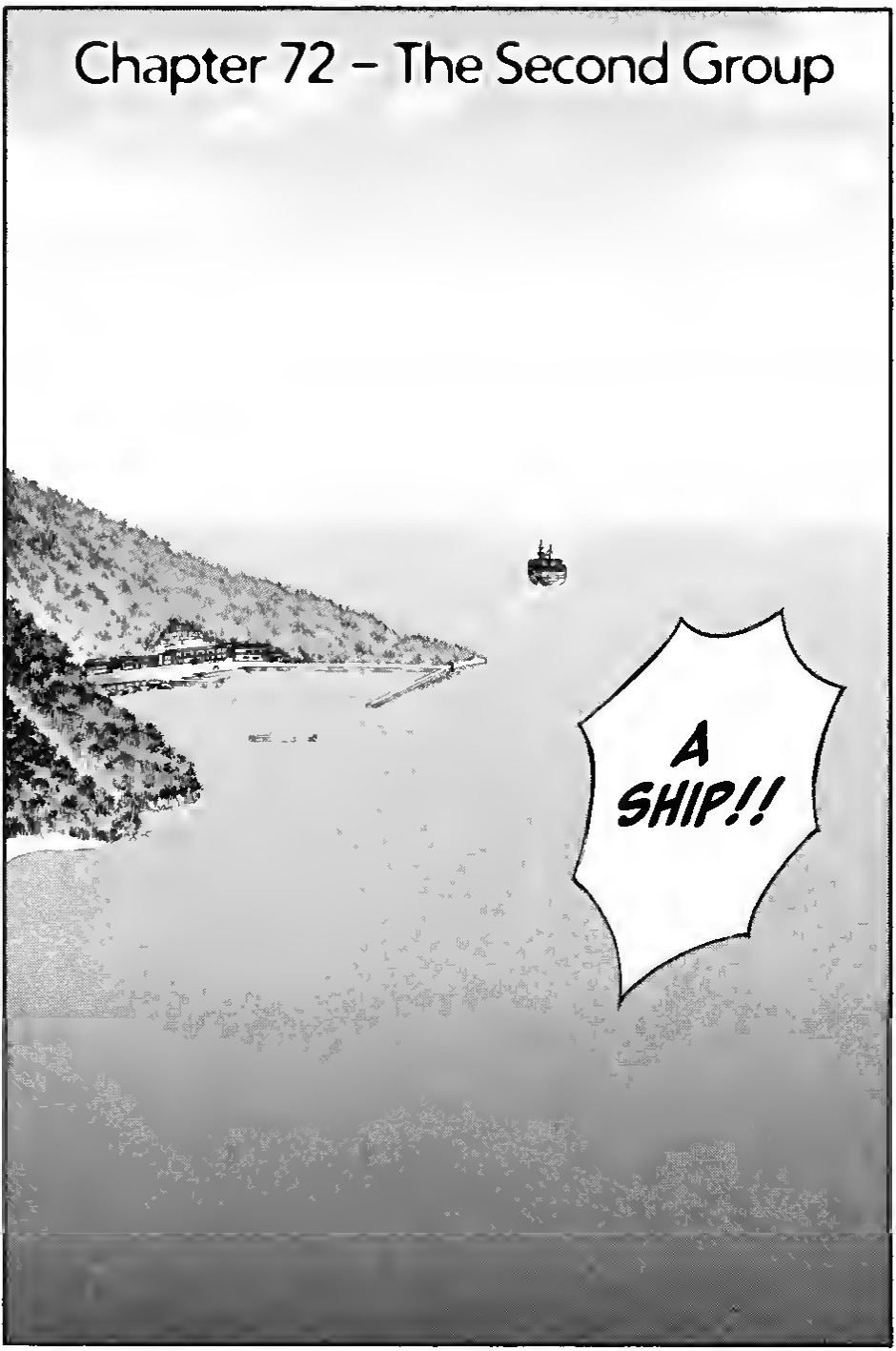

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NO WAY...!
AH... UUU...

DON'T... FUCK...

7"

R-RYOU!
AH!
STOP FUCKING AROUND!!!

RYOUUU!!!

hah
hah
hah
hah

SEI! PLEASE FOLLOW RYOU! I'LL BRING EVERYONE ELSE!
GOT IT!

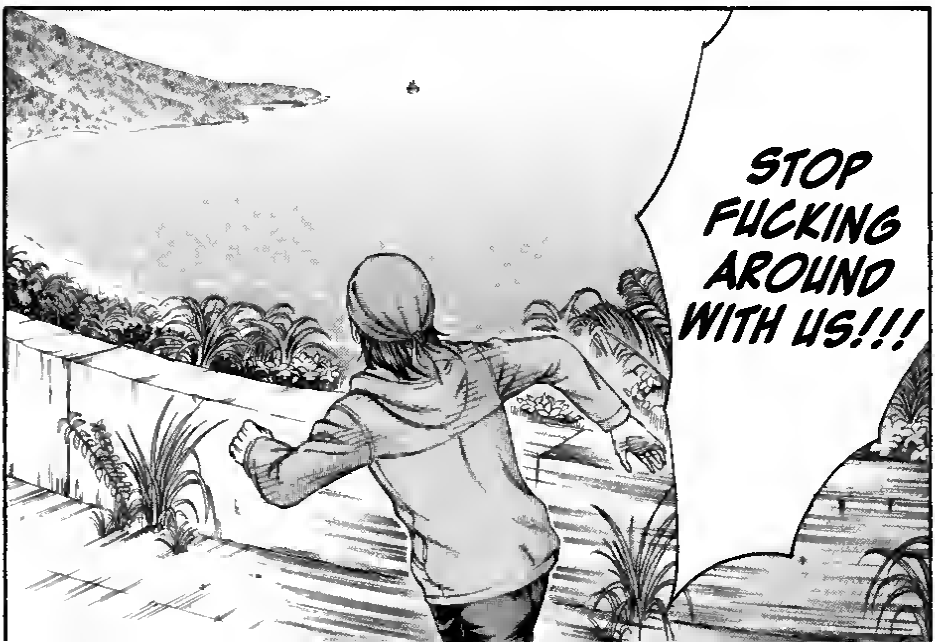
RYOU!

FUCKERS ...!
FU...
UGAAH!!
DON'T... YOU... MESS...!!

Really...
Ah... sorry.
I'll apologize to my parents...
I'll live properly now...

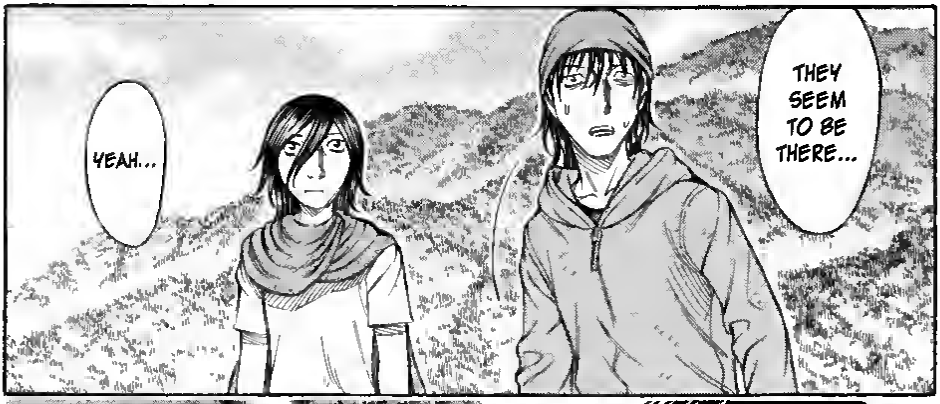
God dammit!!!!

HEY!!!
STOP FUCKING WITH US!!


STOP FUCKING AROUND WITH US!!!

WAI...
WAIT... UP...
hah
ON...
hah
HOLD...
hah
hah
RYOU...!
WAIT UP...!
GUH... UGH... DAMNIT...!

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN CATCH UP TO...
DAMNIT...
...RYOU...
YEAH...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE FACT THAT THE BOAT CAME MEANS...
YEAH... DEFI-NITELY...
A SECOND GROUP...


YEAH...
THEY SEEM TO BE THERE...

THAT SCENE OF PANIC...
AGAIN...

LET'S HURRY!

AH...
AH!
OH... HEY...

A-ARE YOU GUYS THE PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND?
JUST WHERE IS THIS PLACE? AND WHAT DOES THAT SIGN...
OH... HEY...
I'M NOT SURE WHAT I SHOULD SAY.
YEAH...
AHH... THAT SIGN...
SO WE CAN'T LEAVE!? REALLY...!?
NO... WELL, HOLD ON AND CALM DOWN FIRST...
THIS PLACE

IS AN ISLAND KNOWN AS SUICIDE ISLAND.

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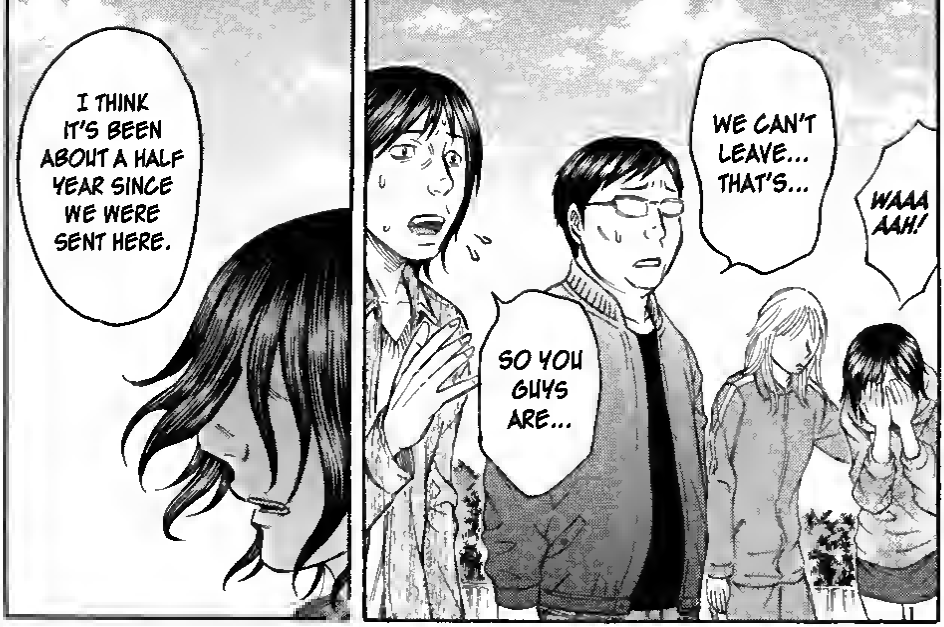
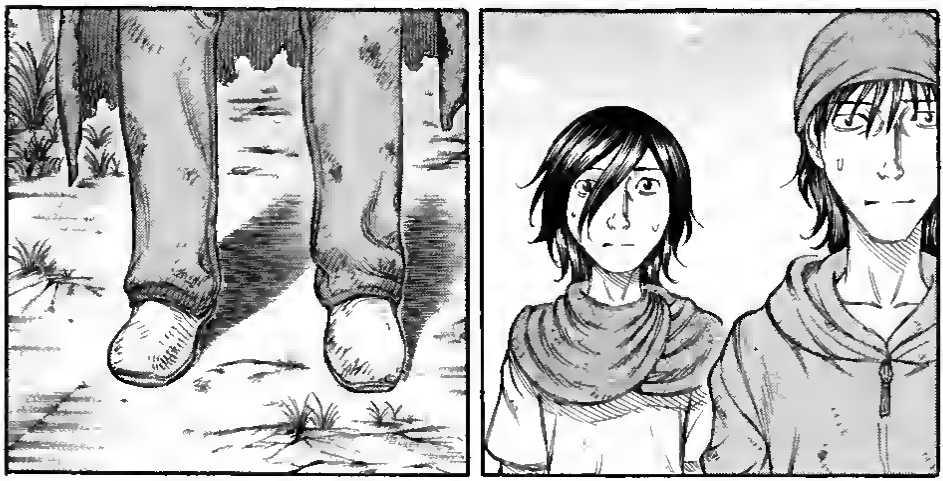
SUICIDE...
ISLAND...

WE PROBABLY CAN'T GET OFF THIS ISLAND.
WHAT WAS WRITTEN ON THAT SIGN IS ALL TRUE.
SEI...

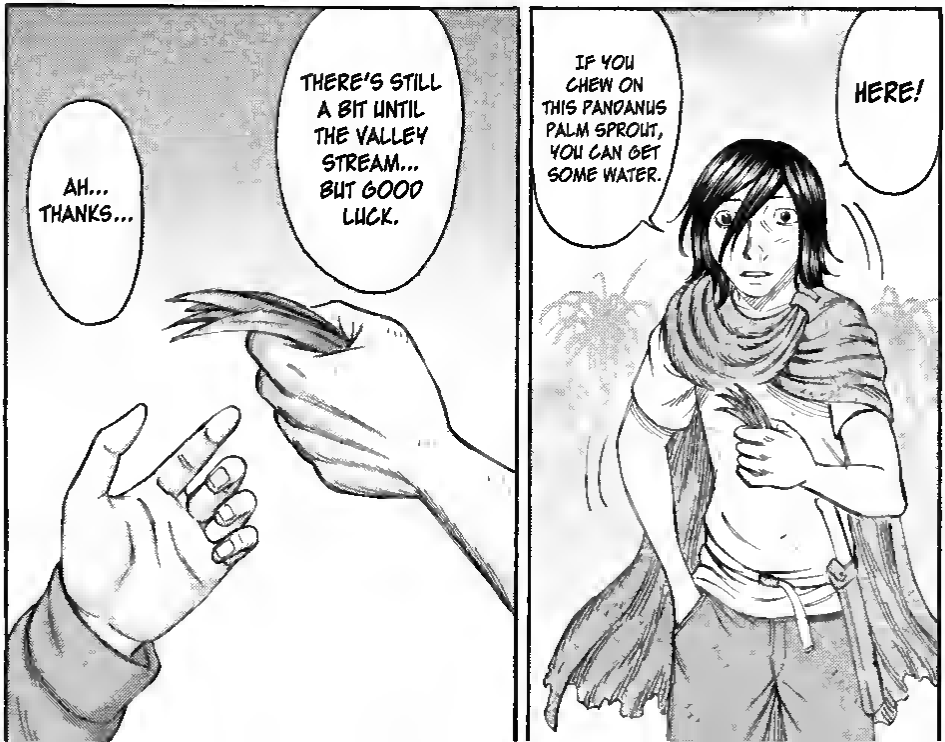

I THINK IT'S BEEN ABOUT A HALF YEAR SINCE WE WERE SENT HERE.
SO YOU GUYS ARE...
WE CAN'T LEAVE... THAT'S...
WAAA AAH!



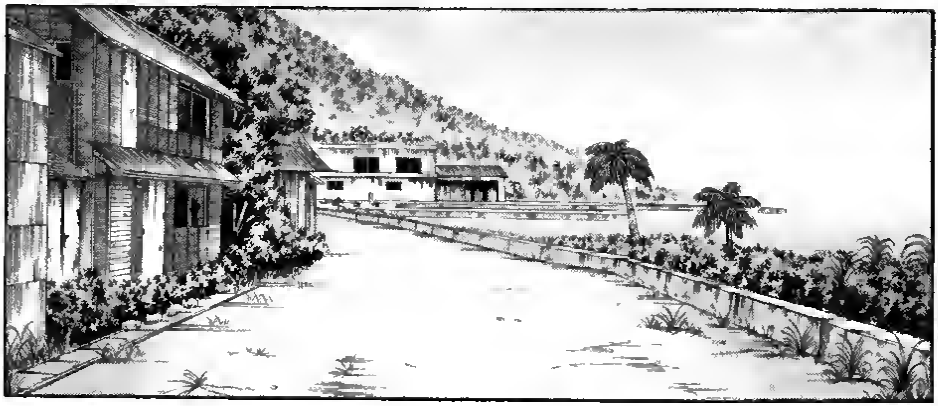
HOW DID YOU... FOR A WHOLE HALF YEAR...
SERI- OUSLY...?

IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T GO...
IT'S BECOME A TERRIBLE SITUATION.
HOW ARE THINGS AT THE PORT!?
WE'LL SAVE THAT FOR LATER...
.....
AH, UM...
YEAH!
LET'S GO!
FUCK... IT REALLY IS THE SAME AS WHEN WE...
.....
I HAVE A TERRIBLE THIRST...
D-DO YOU HAVE... SOMETHING TO DRINK?

カサ
SEI?
OH...
I DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT NOW...
AH... THAT'S RIGHT... YEAH...
IF YOU FOLLOW THE COAST, OUR FRIENDS SHOULD BE THERE TO WELCOME YOU.


AH... THANKS...
THERE'S STILL A BIT UNTIL THE VALLEY STREAM... BUT GOOD LUCK.
IF YOU CHEW ON THIS PANDANUS PALM SPROUT, YOU CAN GET SOME WATER.
HERE!

FOR A HALF YEAR, DID THEY REALLY...
THOSE GUYS...



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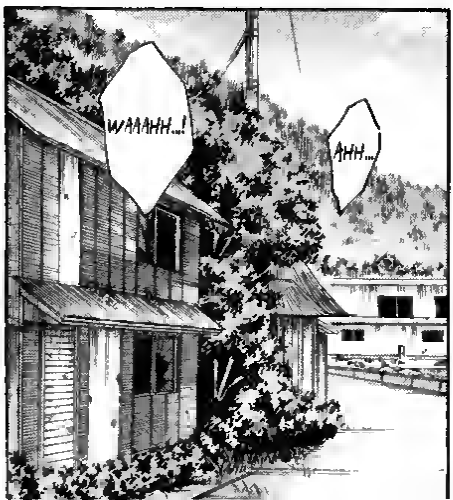
SEI!


WAAAHH...!
AHH...

HHH...
AHHH!
WWW!
GEEH!

SO THERE REALLY...
AHH...!

AH!
AH...

BUT THEY'RE STILL ALIVE, SO...!
WE ALSO TOOK CLOTHES FROM THE DEAD...

RYOU!
THE CLOTHES! THOSE GUYS...

LET'S PROTECT THOSE WE CAN HELP FIRST... OKAY?
NO... I WAS WRONG... SORRY.
YEAH.

UU... UUU...
.....

WH-WHO ARE YOU!? YOU...
C- CAN YOU STAND?

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YO... ARE YOU OKAY?

THAT IS...
WE'RE...

DAMN IT... ARE YOU SERI- OUS...
HEY...!

WAKE UP... HEY!
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!! HEY!!

THAT OUTFIT...
YOU... YOU'RE...
MY NAME IS SEI.
HE'S... ALREADY DEAD.
!

I'M LIVING TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS.
I WAS SENT TO THIS ISLAND HALF A YEAR AGO.

IMPOS-SIBLE...
HALF A YEAR... WHAT!?

[Chapter 72 – The Second Group / End]

Chapter 73 – Intruder

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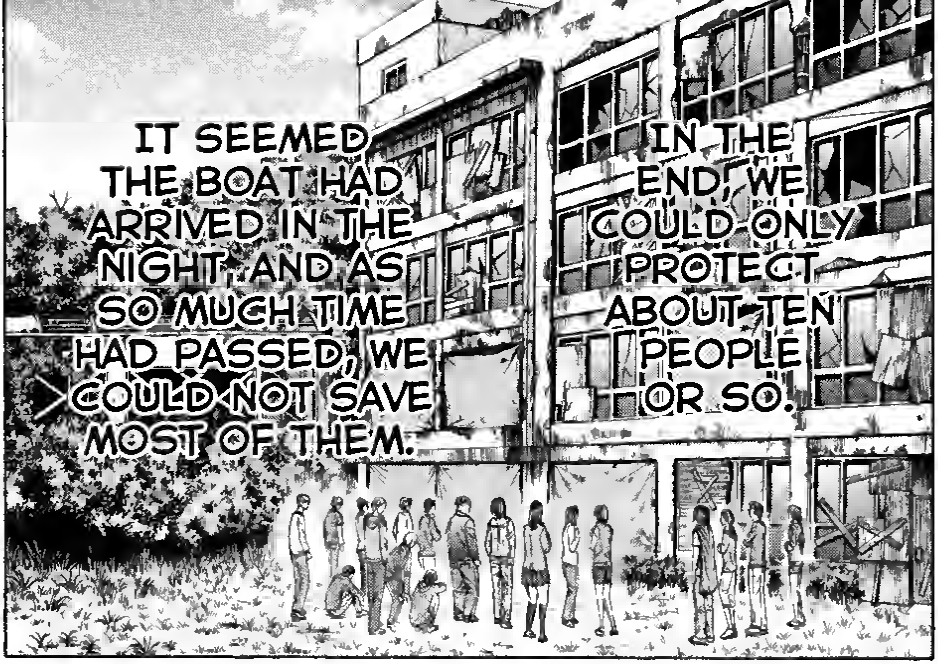
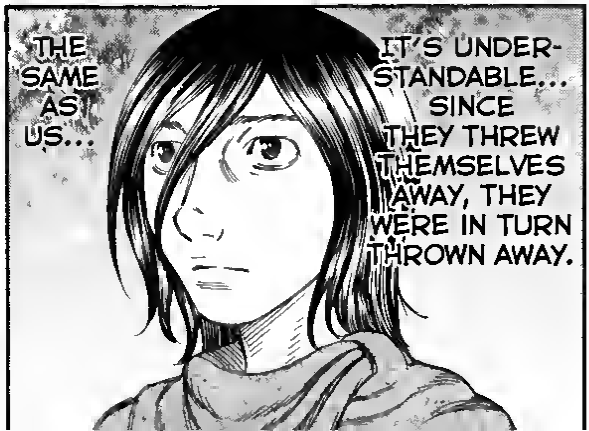

IT SEEMED THE BOAT HAD ARRIVED IN THE NIGHT, AND AS SO MUCH TIME HAD PASSED, WE COULD NOT SAVE MOST OF THEM.
IN THE END, WE COULD ONLY PROTECT ABOUT TEN PEOPLE OR SO.

THERE WERE EVEN SOME WHO PRACTICALLY COULDN'T SPEAK.

EVERYONE HAD THE SAME UNEASY EXPRESSION.

A FACE LIKE THAT?
DID I ALSO MAKE


THE SAME AS US...
IT'S UNDER-STANDABLE... SINCE THEY THREW THEMSELVES AWAY, THEY WERE IN TURN THROWN AWAY.

WE'VE SOMEHOW BEEN LIVING BY FISHING AND FARMING. SINCE WE'VE COME SO FAR WE HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF KNOWHOW.
BUT, THE GOOD NEWS?
IN ORDER TO LIVE, YOU'LL HAVE TO COOPERATE.
...SO BASICALLY,
HEY! UM...
EVEN THOSE WHO DON'T WORK WITH US...
OF COURSE, SINCE THERE ARE NO LAWS, WE CAN'T FORCE YOU TO DO ANYTHING.
YOU SAW WHAT WAS AT THE PORT, YEAH?
IS THIS SOME SORT OF CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM THEN?
IS THAT FOR REAL? NO, I MEAN...

WE TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM HERE, BUT... OUR RAFT WAS SUNK BY A PATROL BOAT.
IF SOMEONE WANTS TO DIE OR TO KILL YOU, THERE WON'T BE ANYONE TO HELP YOU. YOU'LL HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN.
UNFOR-TUNATELY, EVERYTHING WRITTEN ON THAT BOARD IS TRUE.

UUU... MOM...
WE REALLY CAN'T GET OUT...!?
NO... NO WAY!!

JUST LIKE YOU GUYS, WE ALL ATTEMPTED SUICIDE...
.....
.....

LIFE HERE IS TOUGH. I WON'T COODLE YOU.
THERE ARE PROBABLY A FEW OF YOU WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT JUST ENDING IT NOW...

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE HAVE REALIZED SOMETHING AND HAVE DECIDED TO FACE THE FUTURE.
HOWEVER... IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE YOU TO GO ON LIVING WITH US!

RYOU URGED EVERYONE ON FORCEFULLY.
THOSE WHO WANT FOOD, PLEASE JOIN US.
YOU HAVE TO WORK JUST TO LIVE FOR TODAY.

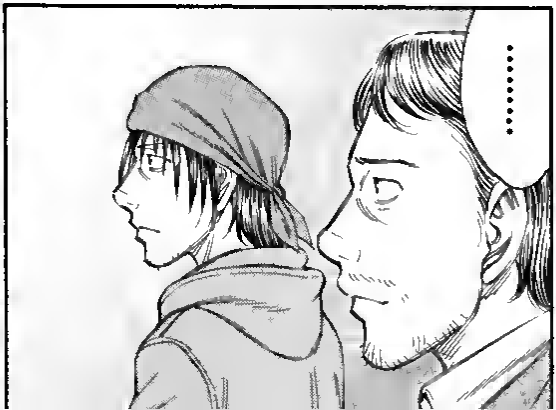
BUT ONLY ONE HALF WISHED TO WORK.

WE'RE THE SEA GROUP, SO WE'LL BE FISHING.
WE'LL BE PULLING IN THE LINES, SETTING THE BAIT, AND PUTTING OUT THE LINES AGAIN.

UMM... SO RIGHT NOW, WHAT ARE WE...
OHH.

ALRIGHT...
OKAY
WELL, FOR YOUR FIRST TIME, JUST LEARN WHILE HELPING OUT.

SO YOU'RE THE LEADER THEN?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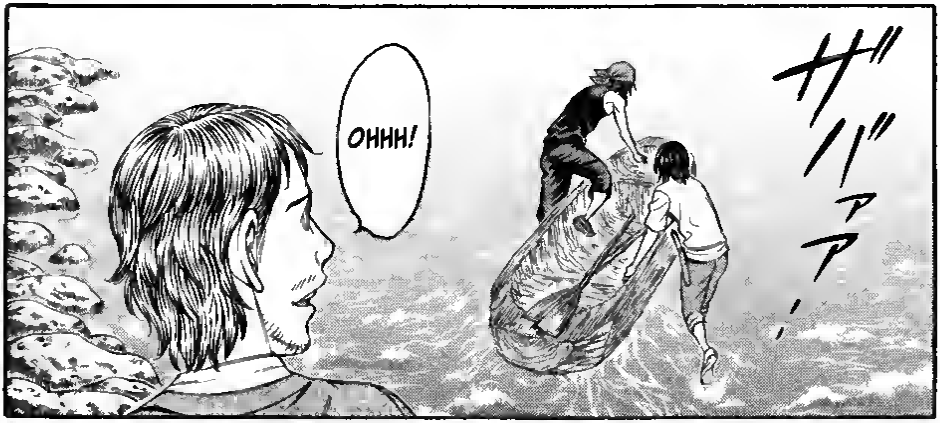
N-NO, I'M NOT ANYONE...
YEAH, HE'S THE LEADER.
.....
EH?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE LEADER OR SOMETHING...
WELL... THIS VILLAGE...
YEAH, RYOU'S THE LEADER HERE.
YEAH, HE'S THE LEADER.
IS THAT SO?
IT... IT SEEMS SO...
SURE DOES, DOESN'T IT...

ALRIGHT!
ALRIGHT, LET'S HURRY TO MAKE UP FOR THE TIME WE LOST!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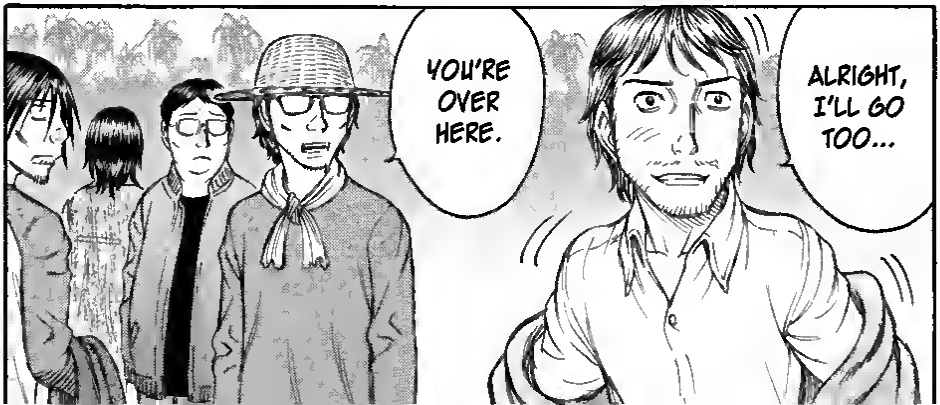
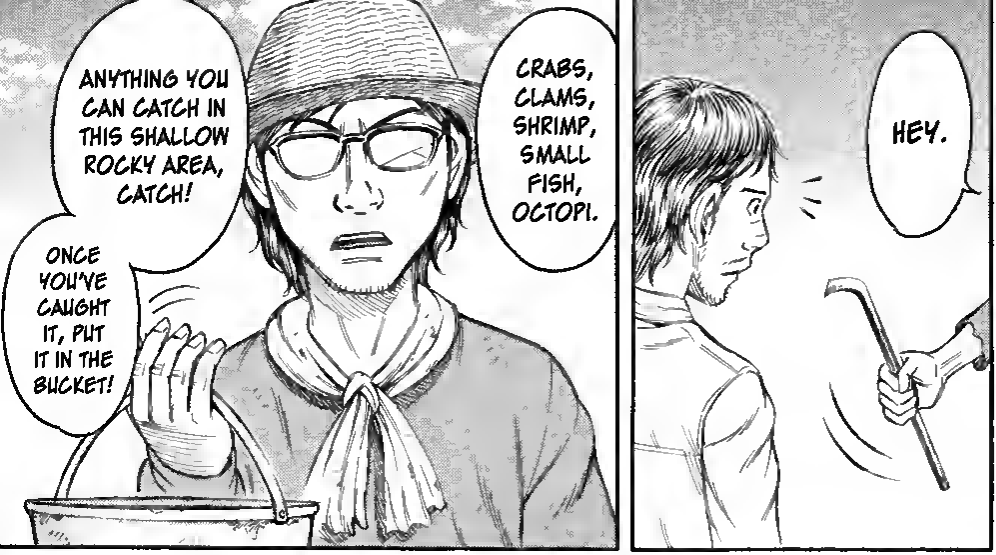
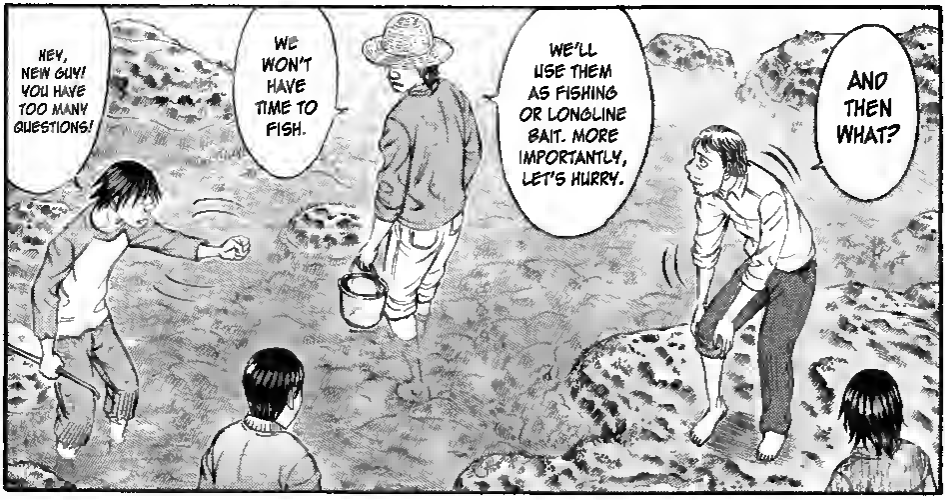

YOU'RE OVER HERE.
ALRIGHT, I'LL GO TOO...


ANYTHING YOU CAN CATCH IN THIS SHALLOW ROCKY AREA, CATCH!
CRABS, CLAMS, SHRIMP, SMALL FISH, OCTOPI.
ONCE YOU'VE CAUGHT IT, PUT IT IN THE BUCKET!
HEY.


HEY, NEW GUY! YOU HAVE TOO MANY QUESTIONS!
WE WON'T HAVE TIME TO FISH.
WE'LL USE THEM AS FISHING OR LONGLINE BAIT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, LET'S HURRY.
AND THEN WHAT?

IN THE SHALLOW AREAS ALONG A ROCKY BEACH, YOU REALLY CAN CATCH MANY THINGS.
THAT'S AMAZING...
WOW...

IF YOU SHOOT FOR THE LOW TIDE, YOU CAN EASILY AND EFFICIENTLY OBTAIN PLENTY OF GAME.
IN THE SHALLOW ROCKS, YOU CAN CATCH GOBIES, SMALL CRABS OR SHRIMP, A VARIETY OF SHELLFISH, ASIDE FROM FISHING BAIT, THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS PEOPLE CAN EAT TOO.

WHAT'S UP WITH HIM? DOES HE HAVE THE RUNS?

NO, I NEED TO GO... TO THE TOILET.
ARE YOU COMING TOO?
ALRIGHT, I SUPPOSE THAT'S ENOUGH. LET'S GO FISHING.

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THAT GUY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SOMEONE WHO TRIED COMMITTING SUICIDE AT ALL...
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IT'S HERE...!!
THIS MIGHT JUST WORK...

IT SHOULD BE COMING OUT ANY TIME NOW...
SHIT, THIS IS REALLY BAD.

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE BARFED IT UP AFTER ALL...
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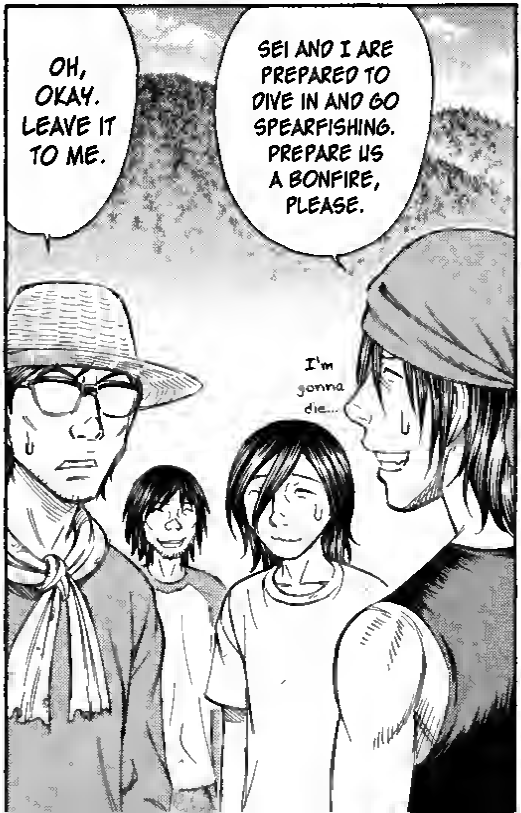
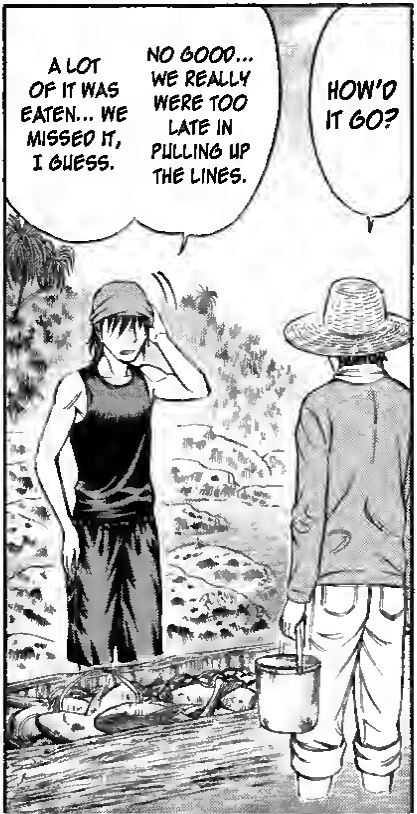

OH, OKAY. LEAVE IT TO ME.
SEI AND I ARE PREPARED TO DIVE IN AND GO SPEARFISHING. PREPARE US A BONFIRE, PLEASE.
I'm gonna die...


HOW'D IT GO?
NO GOOD... WE REALLY WERE TOO LATE IN PULLING UP THE LINES.
A LOT OF IT WAS EATEN... WE MISSED IT, I GUESS.

WE'VE GOT ONE STRANGE GUY, BUT THE REST ARE QUIET.
HOW'D IT GO OVER HERE?

WHOA, SO THIS IS A LONGLINE.
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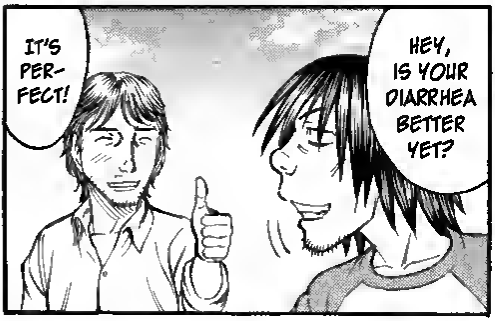
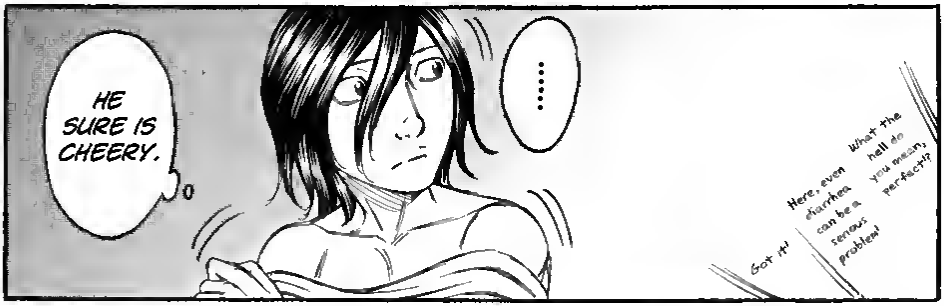

IT'S PER-FECT!
HEY, IS YOUR DIARRHEA BETTER YET?


HE SURE IS CHEERY.
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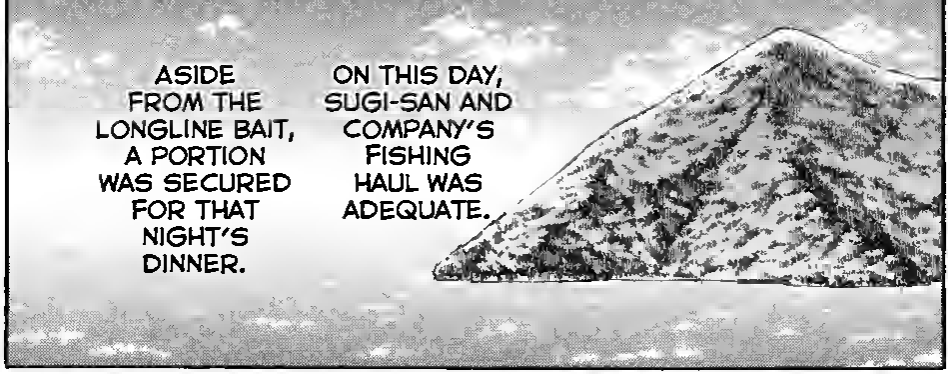
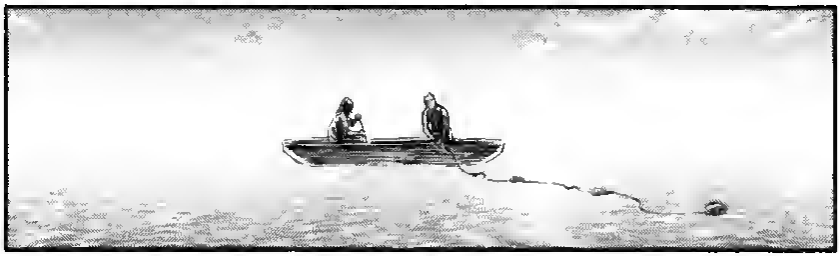
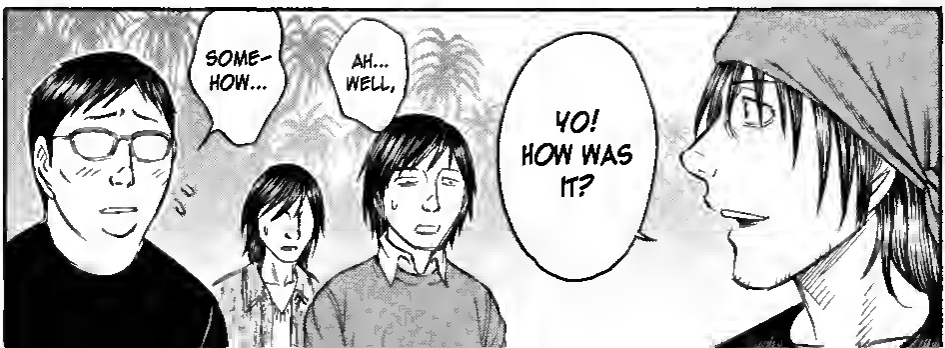
Got it!
Here, even diarrhea can be a serious problem!
What the hell do you mean, perfect?

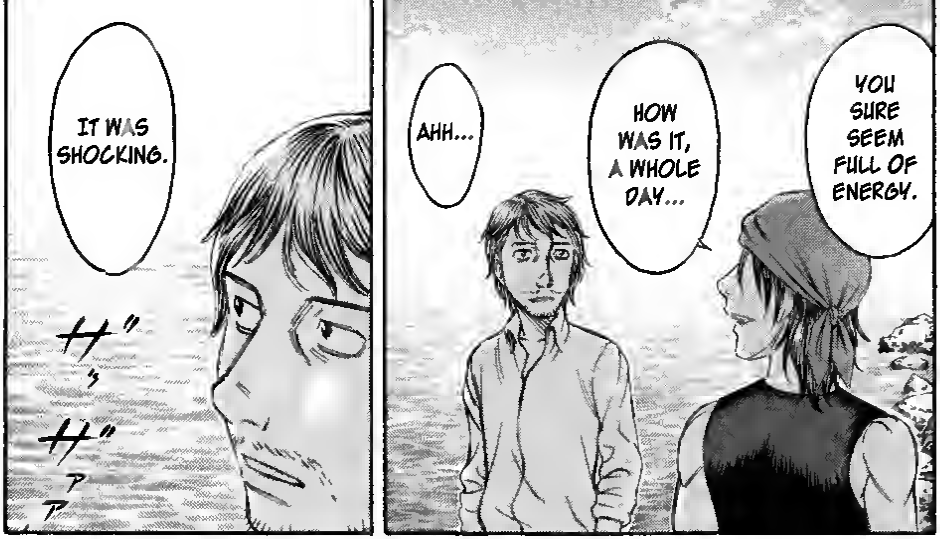
AFTER, JUST LIKE THAT, WE SUN DRIED THEM DN TDP OF A TARP. A SIMPLE METHOD DF DRYING FODD.
THE FISH WE BROUGHT UP WAS QUICKLY CHOPPED UP INTD FILLETS AND SALTED.

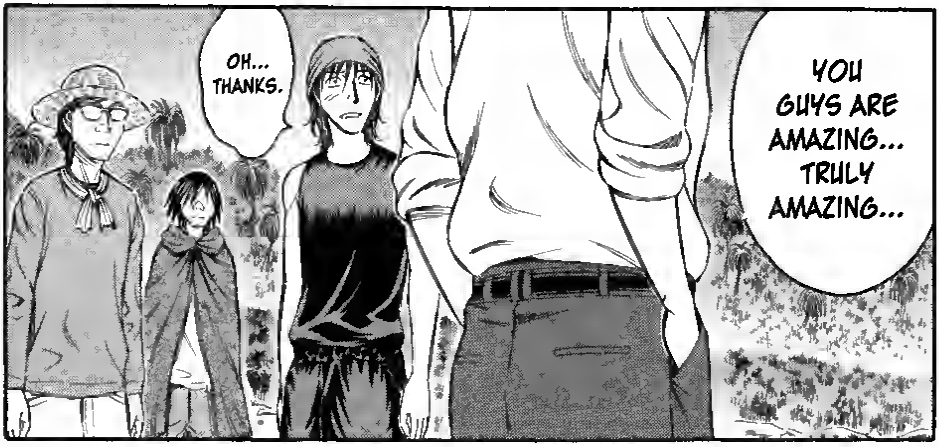

ASIDE FROM THE LONGLINE BAIT, A PORTION WAS SECURED FOR THAT NIGHT'S DINNER.
ON THIS DAY, SUGI-SAN AND COMPANY'S FISHING HAUL WAS ADEQUATE.

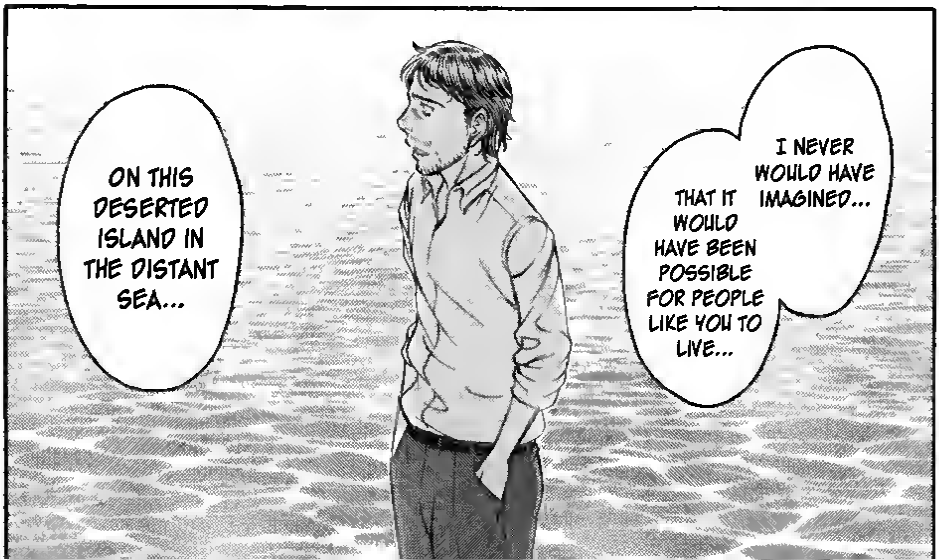


GOOD WORK.
WE'RE DONE WITH THE TRAP.


SOME-HOW...
AH... WELL,
YO! HOW WAS IT?


IT WAS SHOCKING.
AHH...
HOW WAS IT, A WHOLE DAY...
YOU SURE SEEM FULL OF ENERGY.


OH... THANKS.
YOU GUYS ARE AMAZING... TRULY AMAZING...


ON THIS DESERTED ISLAND IN THE DISTANT SEA...
I NEVER WOULD HAVE IMAGINED... THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO LIVE...

THAT'S... A STRANGE WAY OF STATING THINGS.
THIS WAS BEYOND ALL MY IMAGINATION.
I'M SURPRISED.
NOT TO MENTION, YOU GUYS
ARE ALL PEOPLE WHO ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
"YOU GUYS", YOU SAY... AREN'T YOU ALSO SOMEONE WHO ATTEMPTED SUICIDE?
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NO.
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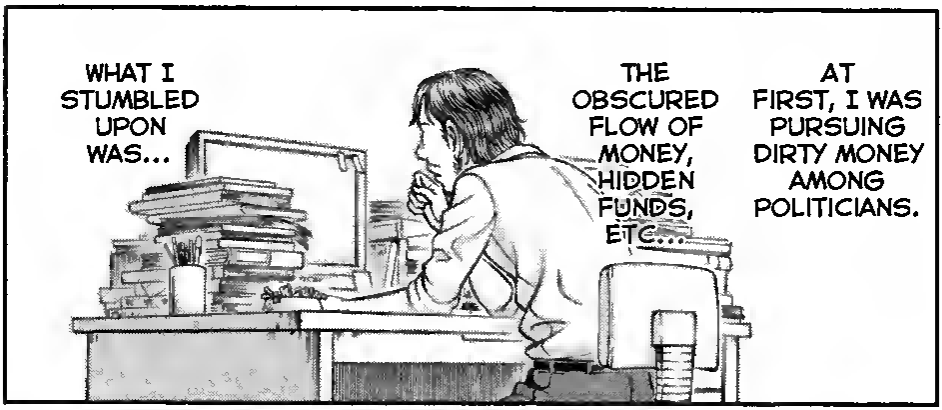
I NEVER TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
IM ODA, A REPORT JOURNALIST.

!!!
YOU DIDN'T TRY TO COMMIT SUICIDE!?
THAT'S... CRAZY!!

NEWS COVERAGE FROM THE SCENE.
REPORT... JUST AS THE WORD IMPLIES.
JUST HOW DID THIS HAPPEN...
THAT SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE...


AT FIRST, I WAS PURSUING DIRTY MONEY AMONG POLITICIANS.
THE OBSCURED FLOW OF MONEY, HIDDEN FUNDS, ETC...
WHAT I STUMBLED UPON WAS...

A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION ABOVE THE LAW,
COM-MONLY CALLED

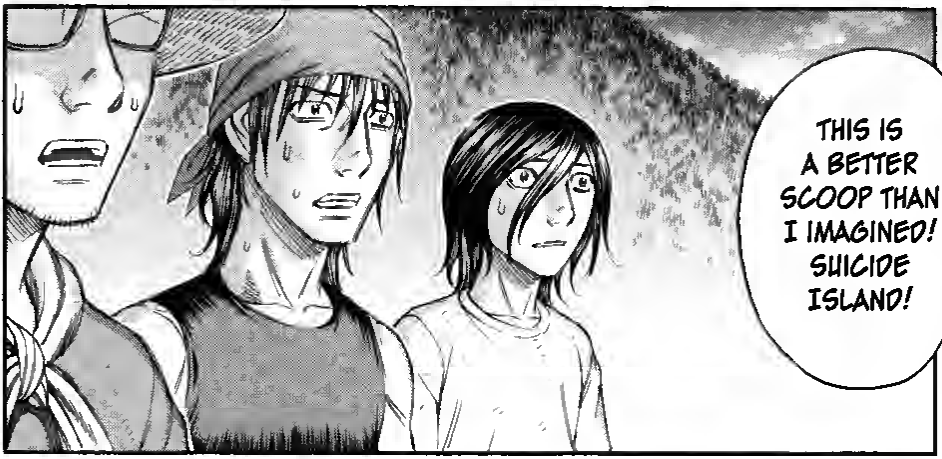
SUICIDE ISLAND.

IMPOS-SIBLE...

IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, CRIMINALS WERE EXILED TO THIS ISLAND... I RESEARCHED THAT TOO.
AHH, IN THE BEGINNING IT WAS CALLED LAWLESS ISLAND.

!!!
I MET UP WITH THEM IN AN ISLAND IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.
YOU CAN'T GET OFF THIS ISLAND, YOU KNOW!?
CALLING THIS COVERAGE, YOU...
AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO'VE GOTTEN OFF THIS ISLAND.
Off of Lawless Island, though.
I'VE TAKEN SOME MEASURES...
THEY SHOT AT US WITH A MACHINE GUN, YOU KNOW!!?
WE WERE SUNK BY A PATROL BOAT!!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
I KEPT WORRYING ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO GET OFF, BUT
AS RECKLESS AS I AM, I DIDN'T COME HERE WITHOUT A TRUMP CARD.

MY FRIENDS ON THE OUTSIDE SHOULD KNOW MY POSITION BY NOW.
THIS... IS A GPS TRANSMITTER.


THIS IS A BETTER SCOOP THAN I IMAGINED! SUICIDE ISLAND!

THIS ISLAND ENDED UP BEING A BETTER STORY THAN I THOUGHT IT'D BE!
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Chapter 74 – The First Night

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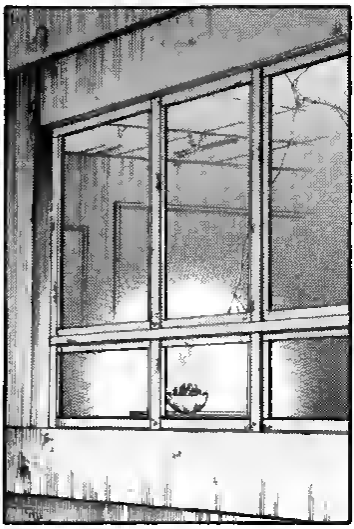
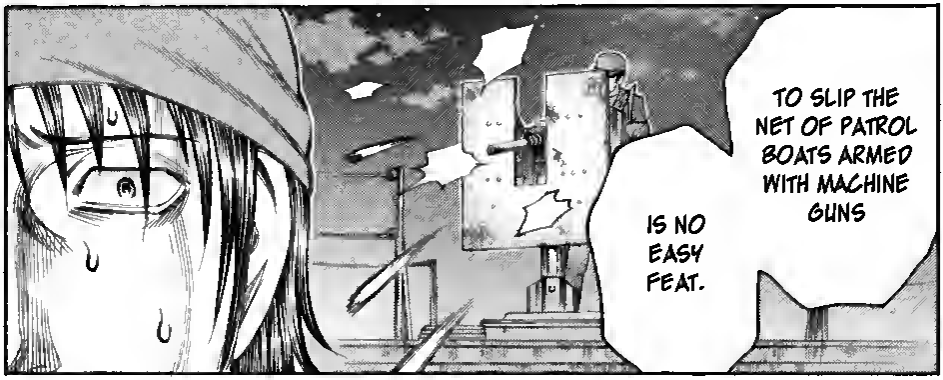


NO IDEA...

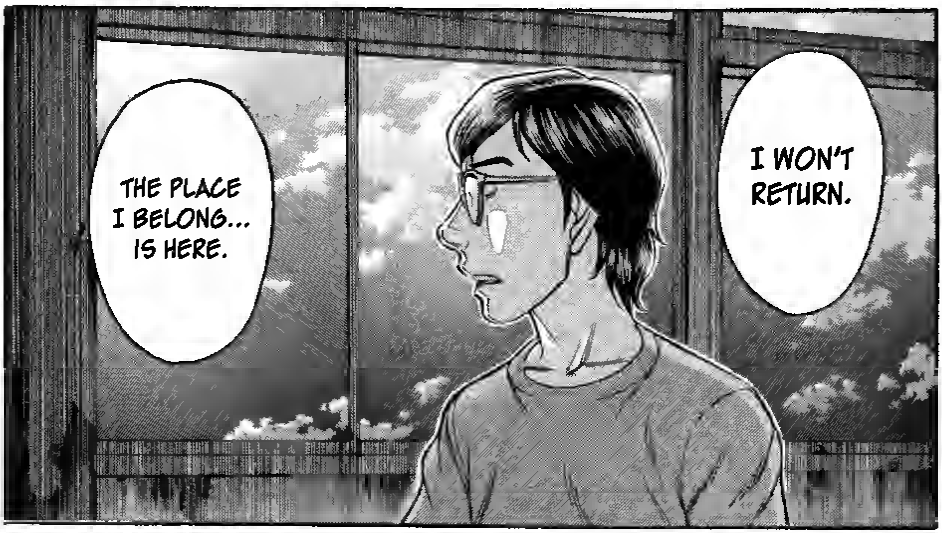
WILL HE REALLY BE ABLE TO CALL FOR HELP?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... INFILTRATING HERE TO REPORT ON THIS...

DO YOU THINK THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GET HERE? TO THIS ISLAND?
WE SAW THE TRANSMITTER WAS FOR REAL, AND HIS STORY TOO.
IF IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT HE HAS ALLIES ON THE OUTSIDE ...


TO SLIP THE NET OF PATROL BOATS ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS
IS NO EASY FEAT.

EVEN IF THEY DO GET HERE SAFELY, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE.
IT'LL PROBABLY BE QUITE DIFFICULT.
EVEN IF HELP DOES COME,

WHAT WILL YOU DO ONCE YOU GET BACK?
BACK TO A SOCIETY THAT THREW US AWAY...
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO RETURN TO *THAT PLACE*?


THE PLACE I BELONG... IS HERE.
I WON'T RETURN.

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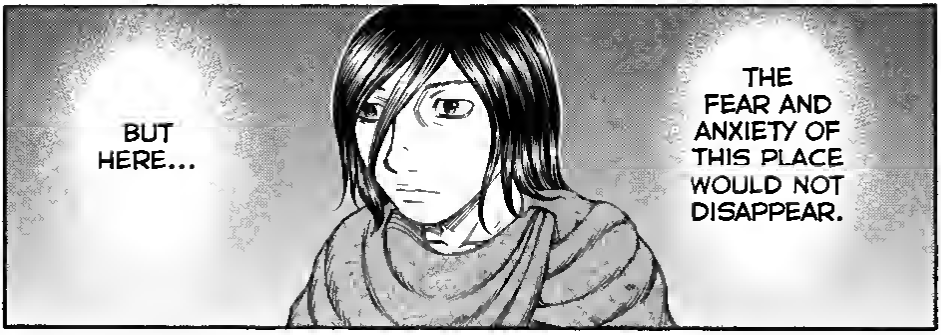
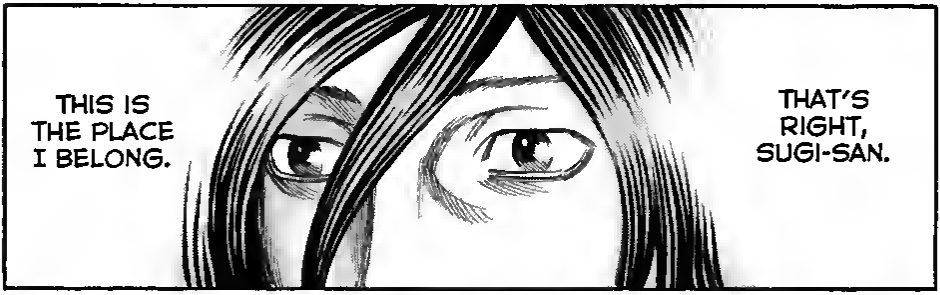
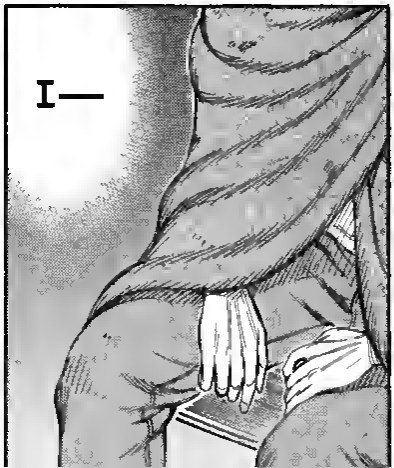
ALTHOUGH I WON'T STOP ANYONE WHO WANTS TO RETURN...

IF WE WERE TO BE ABLE TO RETURN... TO A SOCIETY WE'D SUPPOSEDLY GIVEN UP,
"DO YOU WANT TO RETURN?" THE QUESTION WAS ON ALL OF OUR MINDS.


BUT HERE...
THE FEAR AND ANXIETY OF THIS PLACE WOULD NOT DISAPPEAR.


THIS IS THE PLACE I BELONG.
THAT'S RIGHT, SUGI-SAN.

BY THE WAY... IS IT OKAY? LEAVING THOSE GUYS ALONE LIKE THAT.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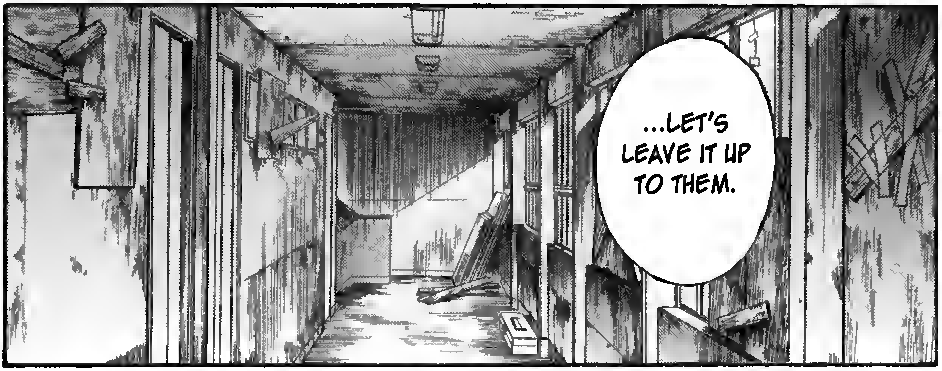
THE FIRST NIGHT MUST BE...

THAT'S RIGHT, THE FIRST NIGHT IS THE MOST DANGEROUS.
WITHOUT WAITING FOR DAWN, HOW MANY HAD PASSED AWAY...

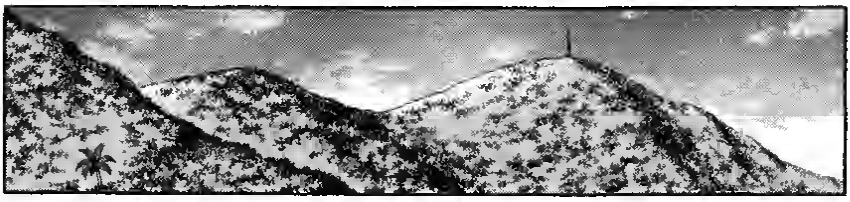
EVEN I WAS ABOUT TO BECOME ONE OF THEM, ONCE.

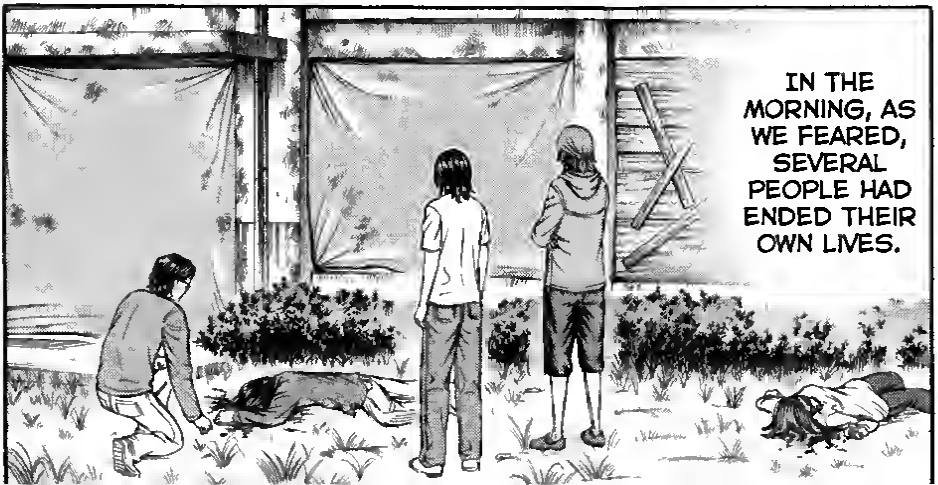

...LET'S LEAVE IT UP TO THEM.

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN WATCH THOSE WITH NO WILL TO LIVE AROUND THE CLOCK.
WHETHER THEY CHOOSE TO LIVE OR DIE, TONIGHT, THEY MUST DECIDE THEMSELVES.
AS CRUEL AS IT MAY SEEM...
.....

IT WAS A TACIT UNDER-STANDING.
WE COULDN'T "FORCE" ANYONE TO LIVE.

"I CAN DIE ANYTIME". THERE WERE EVEN QUITE A FEW WHO HAD LIVED THUS FAR THINKING THAT.




IN THE MORNING, AS WE FEARED, SEVERAL PEOPLE HAD ENDED THEIR OWN LIVES.

YEAH.
IT'S REALLY TASTY...
DELI-CIOUS...
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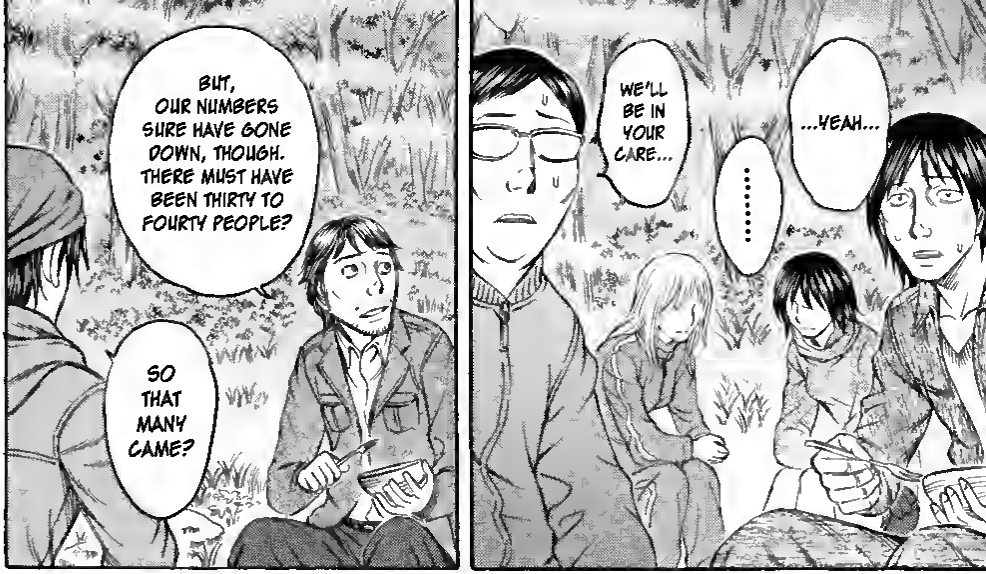
THANKS ...
ALONG WITH IKIRU.
RIGHT!? THIS GUY SEI OVER HERE HUNTED IT FOR US FROM THE MOUNTAIN!
SINCE IT WAS RARE FOR US TO MEET LIKE THIS, IF WE CAN, I'D LIKE FOR US TO KEEP GOING TOGETHER.
THIS LIFESTYLE IS TOUGH, BUT THERE'S HAPPINESS WE COULDN'T FEEL OVER THERE.


BUT, OUR NUMBERS SURE HAVE GONE DOWN, THOUGH. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN THIRTY TO FOURTY PEOPLE?
SO THAT MANY CAME?
WE'LL BE IN YOUR CARE...
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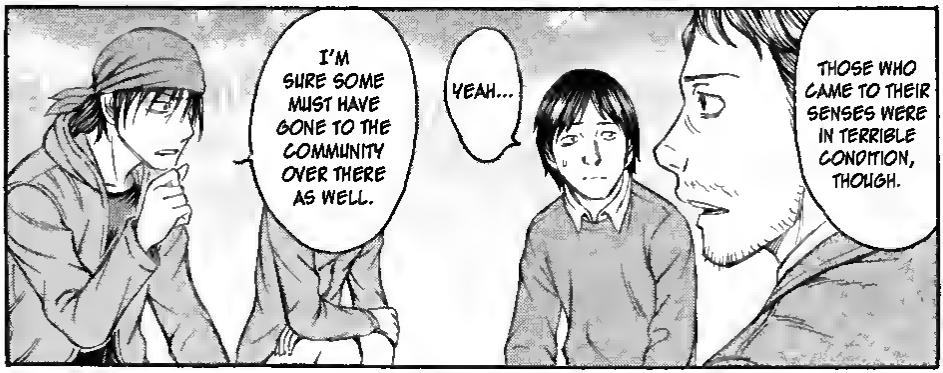
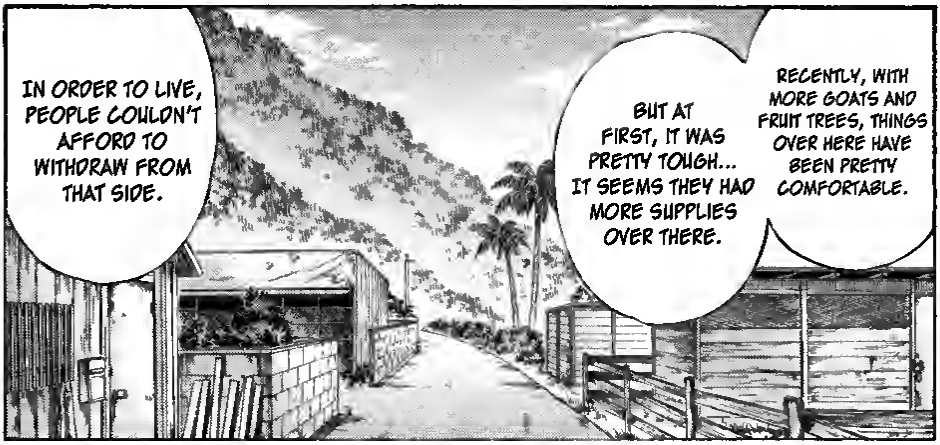
...YEAH...


I'M SURE SOME MUST HAVE GONE TO THE COMMUNITY OVER THERE AS WELL.
YEAH...
THOSE WHO CAME TO THEIR SENSES WERE IN TERRIBLE CONDITION, THOUGH.

THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE LIVING HERE?
!
SA-WADA'S?

WOMEN HAVE NO RIGHTS.
BEYOND THE PORT, ON THE OPPOSING SIDE, THERE'S ANOTHER COMMUNITY.
YEAH...
?
BUT OVER THERE...
THEY'RE FORCED TO GIVE UP THEIR BODIES, OR SO IT SEEMS...
WITHOUT ANY REGARD TO THEIR WISHES.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

OVER THERE, THE LEADER, SAWADA, ACTS AS A DESPOT... SINCE THERE ARE NO RULES HERE.
THAT'S TERRIBLE... WHY!?
SUCH... NO WAY!!


IN ORDER TO LIVE, PEOPLE COULDN'T AFFORD TO WITHDRAW FROM THAT SIDE.
BUT AT FIRST, IT WAS PRETTY TOUGH... IT SEEMS THEY HAD MORE SUPPLIES OVER THERE.
RECENTLY, WITH MORE GOATS AND FRUIT TREES, THINGS OVER HERE HAVE BEEN PRETTY COMFORTABLE.

THE GIRLS WHO WENT TO THAT SIDE...
TH- THEN,
NO WAY, SUCH A THING... NO MATTER HOW LAWLESS THINGS ARE, THAT'S TOO CRUEL...

SOMEONE YOU KNOW!?
OH, GOD!!
AH... THIS ISN'T...!
WHAT'S WRONG?
SHE DIDN'T COME HERE...
I WAS CONFUSED... AND WHEN I NOTICED HER, I THOUGHT SHE HAD COME HERE TOO OR...
BUT I...
SHE WAS DEFINITELY THERE... AT THE PORT... I DEFINITELY SAW HER.
NO, NO... THAT'S NOT WHAT...
AN ACQUAINT-ANCE...? YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

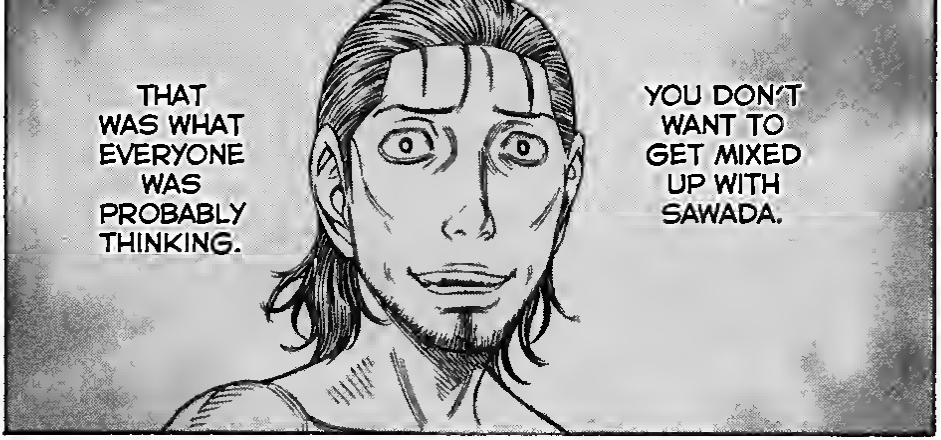
SHE WAS... ALWAYS THERE...
WE WERE TOGETHER AT THE SAME CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE. ALTHOUGH I WAS ALWAYS IN AND OUT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE... SHE CAME HERE TOO...
WE WERE ALWAYS TOGET-HER...
WE WEREN'T GOING OUT OR ANYTHING... BUT,

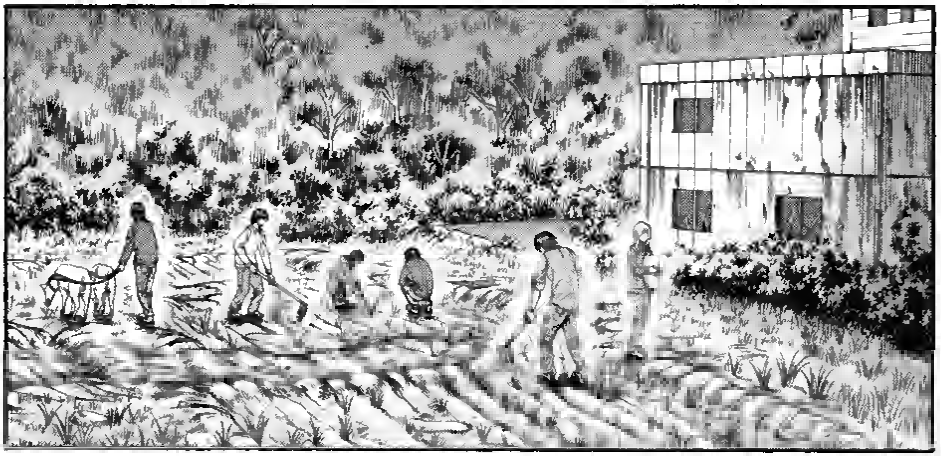
MAKING CONTACT WITH THAT SIDE IS DANGEROUS.
IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT IT'S BEST IF YOU GAVE UP ON THAT GIRL...

NO, IT'S UNDER-STANDABLE, EVERYONE WAS PANICKED IN THE BEGINNING.
WHY DIDN'T YOU STICK TO HER!?

WHEN I WENT TO TALK TO HIM, I WAS ALMOST KILLED.
HE'S COME TO ATTACK US HERE BEFORE AS WELL.
NO WAY...!
NO...
AND SAWADA IS TRULY A DANGER-OUS MAN.
THERE ARE NO LAWS HERE
IT'S TRULY A TERRIFYING THING NOT TO HAVE LAWS.
YOU GUYS MIGHT NOT YET FEEL THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION, BUT...
SORRY, BUT WE CAN'T HELP HER.
IF WE PICK A FIGHT WITH THAT SIDE, WE'D BE PUTTING EVERYONE IN DANGER.


THAT WAS WHAT EVERYONE WAS PROBABLY THINKING.
YOU DON'T WANT TO GET MIXED UP WITH SAWADA.

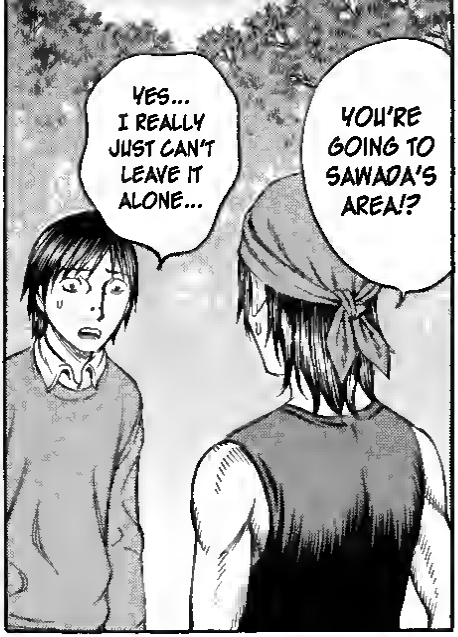
HOWEVER...

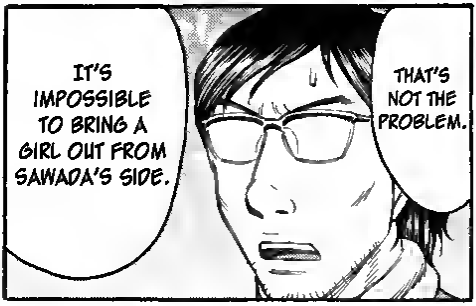


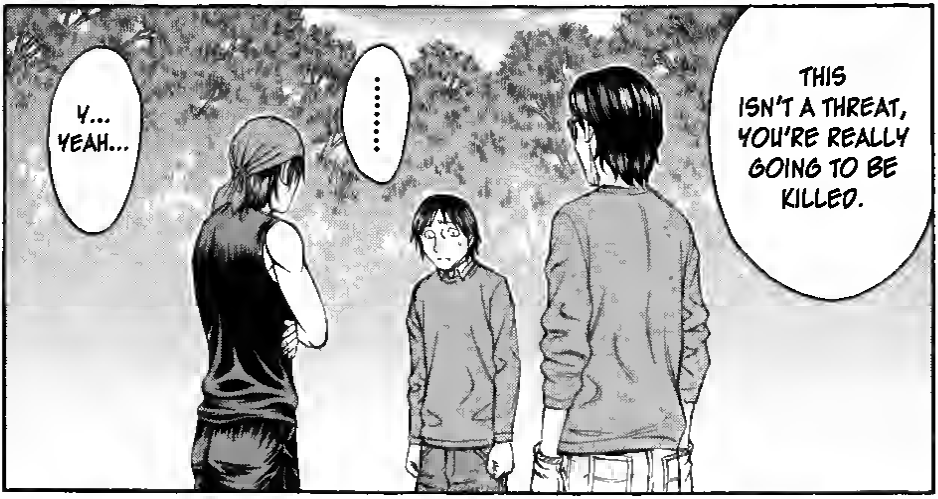
SINCE THE GOATS ATE SO MUCH GRASS FOR US.
WE'LL BE ABLE TO FINISH FASTER THAN I'D THOUGHT.

YEAH.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING...
YEAH, I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE A PROBLEM.
WILL WE REALLY BE ABLE TO DO IT? SPROUTS...
OH, SURE.
RYOU, A MOMENT PLEASE.
WHAAAAAT!?

BESIDES, I'M A MAN... I THINK I SHOULD BE OKAY...


YES... I REALLY JUST CAN'T LEAVE IT ALONE...
YOU'RE GOING TO SAWADA'S AREA!?


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING A GIRL OUT FROM SAWADA'S SIDE.
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.


Y... YEAH...
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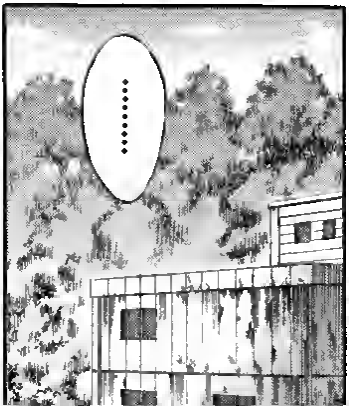
THIS ISN'T A THREAT, YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO BE KILLED.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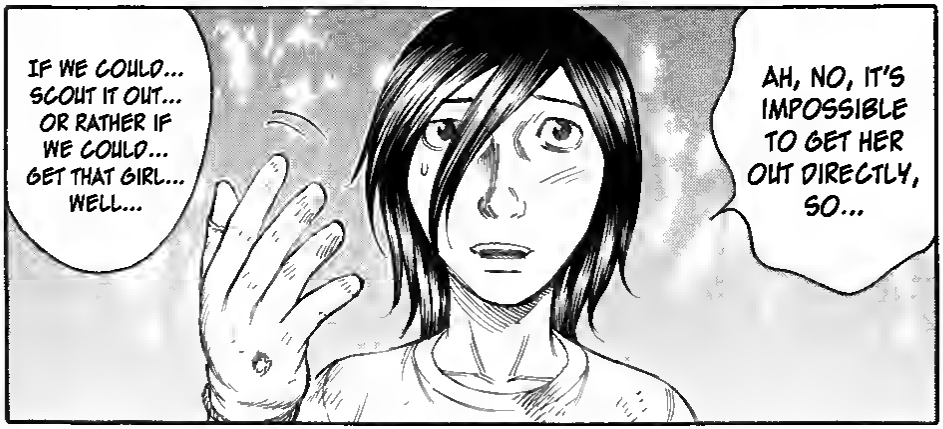
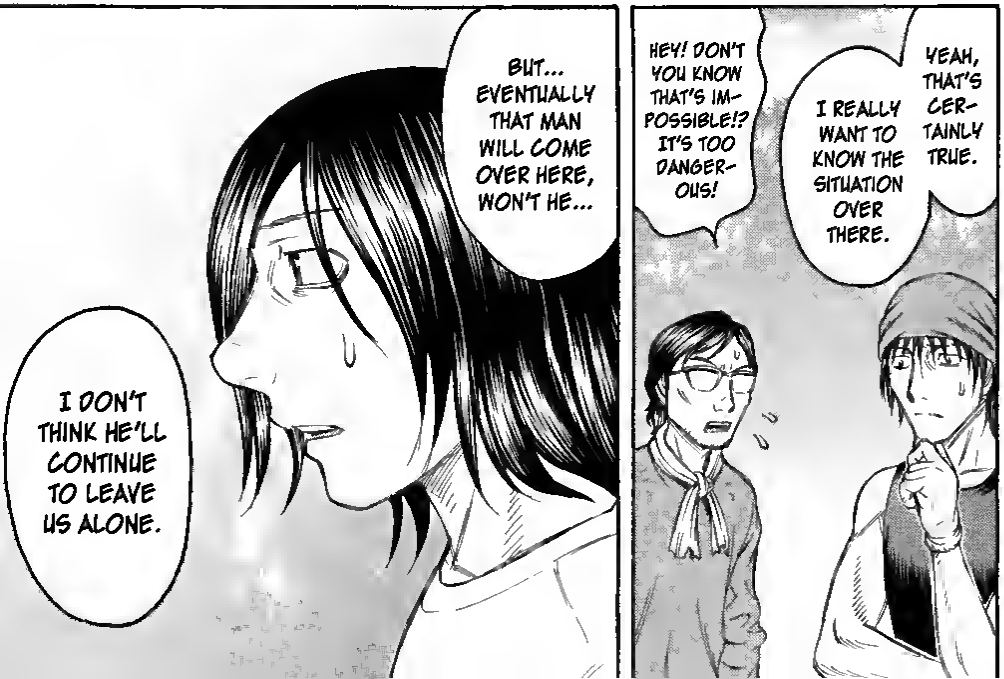
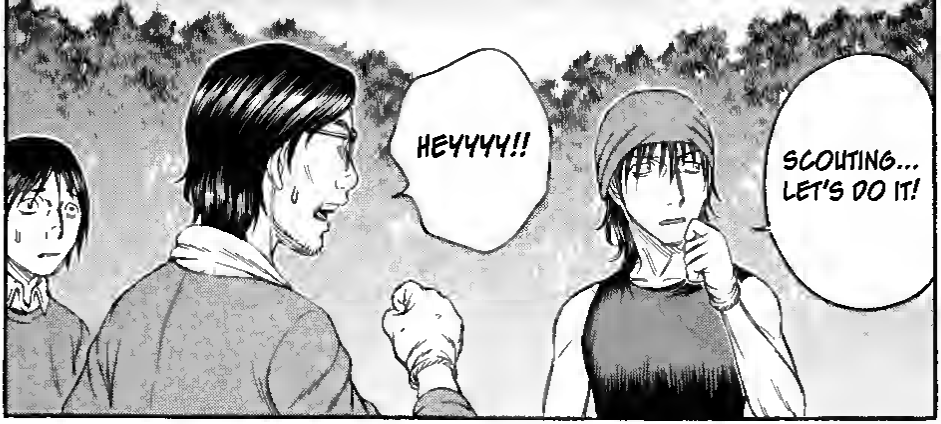
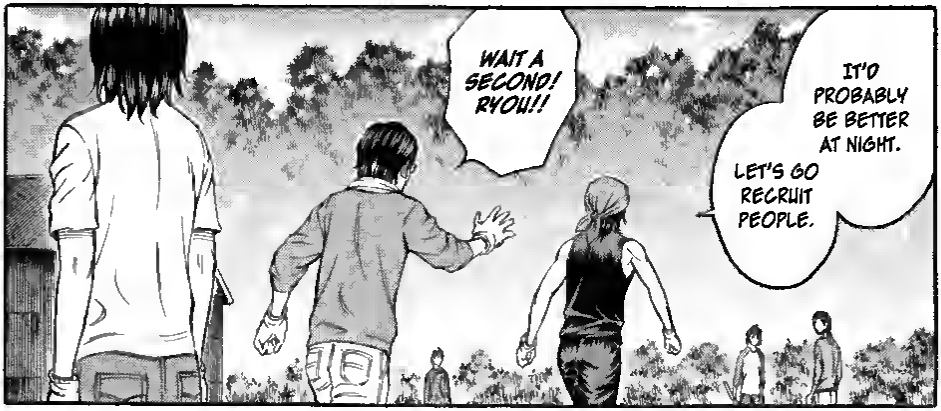
EVEN AS WE'RE DOING THIS, SHE'S...
BUT, I'M... STILL GOING!

I WONDER... HOW IT'D BE IF I WENT.
SEI?


AH, NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET HER OUT DIRECTLY, SO...
IF WE COULD... SCOUT IT OUT... OR RATHER IF WE COULD... GET THAT GIRL... WELL...


YEAH, THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE.
I REALLY WANT TO KNOW THE SITUATION OVER THERE.
HEY! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!? IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
BUT... EVENTUALLY THAT MAN WILL COME OVER HERE, WON'T HE...
I DON'T THINK HE'LL CONTINUE TO LEAVE US ALONE.





TH... THANK YOU...!
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT... WE'LL PROBABLY GO.
I'M AGAINST THIS...!
HEY, KEN, COME HERE FOR A SECOND!
WHAT IS IT, RYOUUU? I'M NOT SLACKING OFF.

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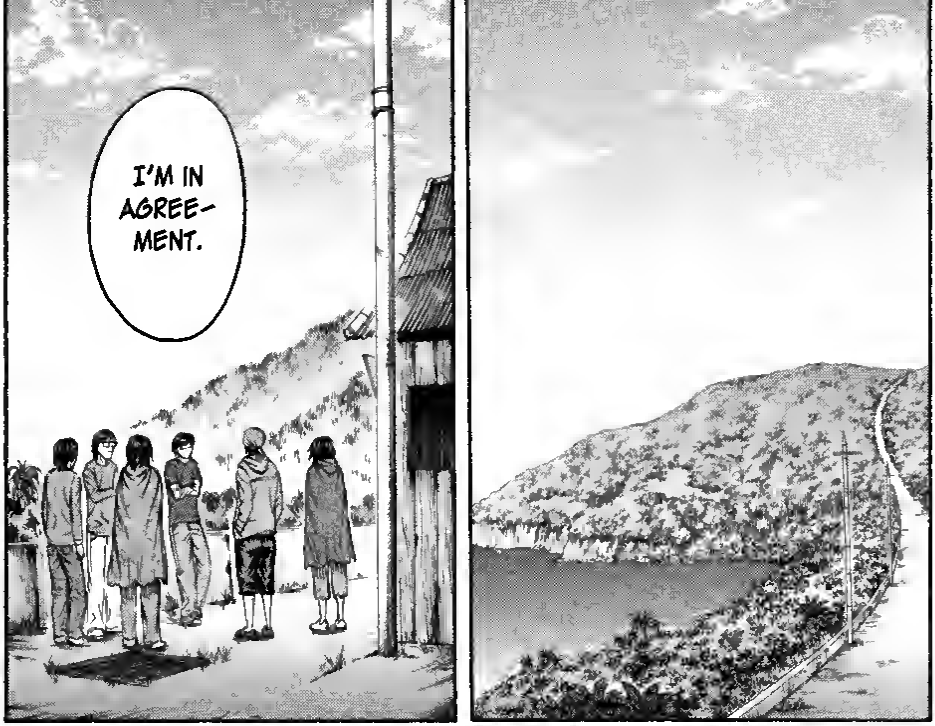
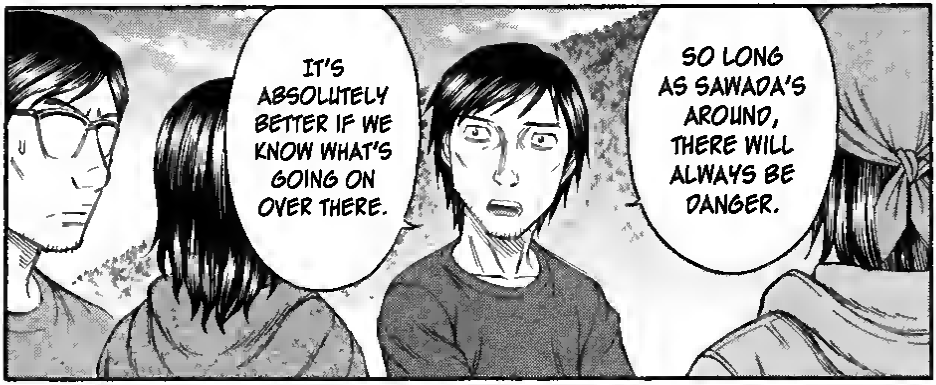

I'M IN AGREE-MENT.


IT'S ABSOLUTELY BETTER IF WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE.
SO LONG AS SAWADA'S AROUND, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE DANGER.

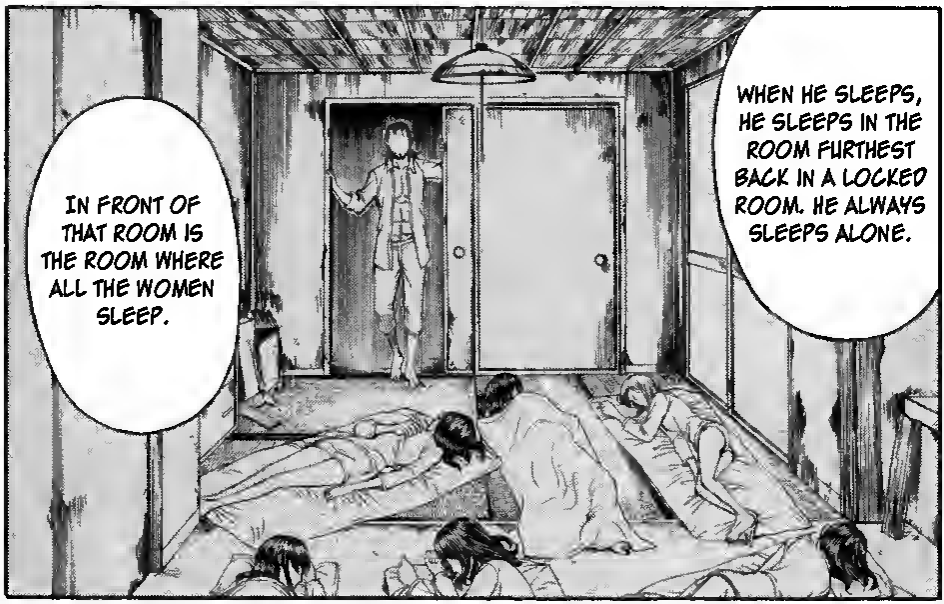
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WON'T ASSAULT US AGAIN.
MY BIGGEST WORRY IS THAT... WELL, SEI'S THREAT HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE AND THEY'VE BEEN WELL BEHAVED, BUT...

IT ALL DEPENDS ON SAWADA, DOESN'T IT... OVER THERE, THAT IS.
WELL, THAT'S THE GIST OF IT, I GUESS.
I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEWCOMERS AS WELL, BUT...
THAT PERSON REALLY IS... WELL...
SHOULDN'T WE JUST KILL HIM, SOONER RATHER THAN LATER?
!!!

K-KILLING HIM, MAN, YOU...
I'M BEING SERIOUS HERE.
OUR FOOD SUPPLIES AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY'S PUBLIC ORDER AND STABILITY ...
WE'VE ONLY JUST FINALLY GOTTEN TO THIS POINT.
I'LL BE BLUNT— ISN'T IT FAIR TO SAY HE'S OUR LAST PROBLEM?
IF ONLY HE WAS GONE—
LOOKING AT IT ANOTHER WAY, AS LONG AS HE'S AROUND,
WE'LL NEVER BE TRULY SAFE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, RYOU? AM I WRONG?
THAT'S... NO, BUT...
IN-DEED...
TONIGHT, WHEN WE INFILTRATE WHILE THEY'RE SLEEPING, WE'LL GET RID OF SAWADA.
AFTER THAT, THE RESIDENTS OF THAT SIDE WILL BE FREED.
IT SHOULDN'T BE IMPOSSIBLE... LET'S DO IT.
NO... IT'LL BE DIFFICULT.

KEN?
KILLING SAWADA... IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT... IS IMPOSSIBLE.
THAT GUY DOESN'T TRUST ANY OF HIS MEN.


WHEN HE SLEEPS, HE SLEEPS IN THE ROOM FURTHEST BACK IN A LOCKED ROOM. HE ALWAYS SLEEPS ALONE.
IN FRONT OF THAT ROOM IS THE ROOM WHERE ALL THE WOMEN SLEEP.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, ISN'T IT MORE CONVENIENT? IF WE LET THE WOMEN GET AWAY QUIETLY, THEN...
NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

MOST OF THE WOMEN WORSHIP SAWADA.
IT'S UNBE-LIEVABLE, BUT...

BUT IT'S THE TRUTH... THEY PROBABLY WON'T BETRAY SAWADA.
I DON'T GET IT EITHER,
THEY'RE DEVOTED TO SAWADA? WHY...
SERI-OUSLY...?

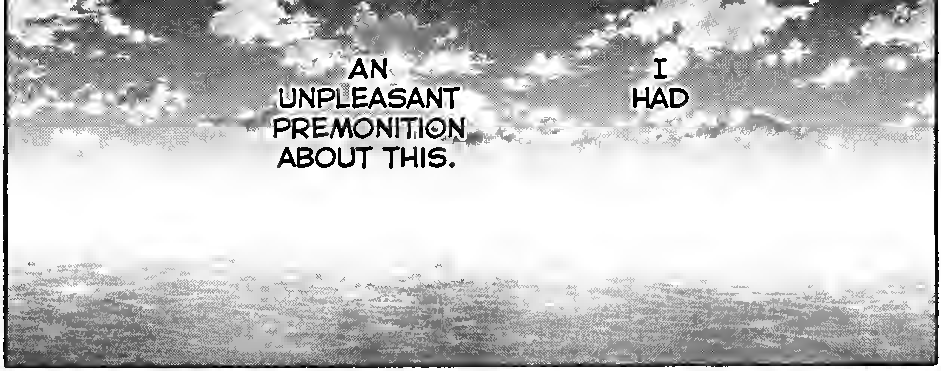
CULT LEADERS USE THAT MENTALITY AS A SORT OF CHARISMA TO BIND THEIR FOLLOWERS SPIRITUALLY.
NO, ISN'T THIS SOMETHING THAT OFTEN HAPPENS? WHEN UNDER EXTREME UNEASE AND MENTAL STRAIN, PEOPLE BECOME DEPENDENT ON THE STRONG...

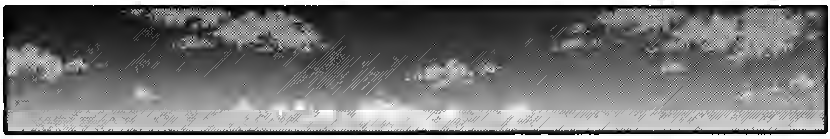
THEN THIS TIME, WE DEFINITELY NEED TO DO SOME SCOUTING.
AHH, I'VE SEEN THAT BEFORE!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I SAW SOMETHING ABOUT THAT ON TV... ABOUT WHY FEMALE BELIEVERS ASSEMBLED UNDER A FILTHY RELIGIOUS LEADER.
YEAH.
WELL... ONLY IF WE CAN, THOUGH... YEAH?
THE NEWLY ARRIVED PEOPLE SHOULDN'T YET BE UNDER HIS CONTROL, SO IF WE CAN, WE SHOULD BRING THEM OUT...
...IT LOOKS LIKE IT'D BE USELESS TO TRY TO STOP YOU...
.....
SINCE THAT WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
BUT, IF THERE'S A CHANCE, I'M GOING TO KILL SAWADA.

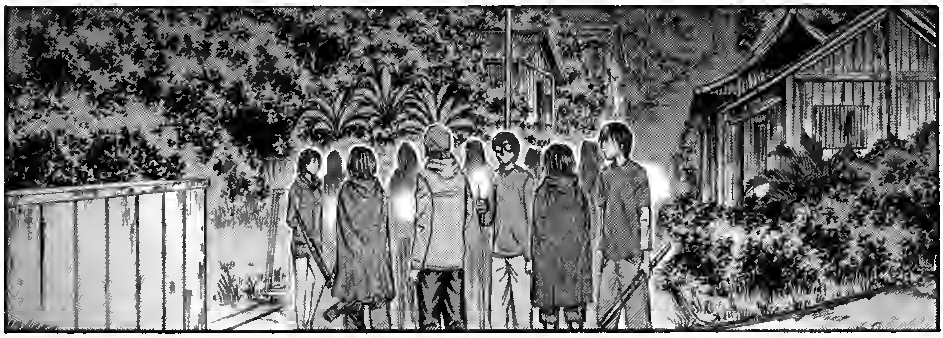
YEAH, I PROMISE.
IF IT BECOMES ALL OUT WAR, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE.
BUT, DEFINITELY PLEASE DON'T OVERDO IT.

OKAY.
UNTIL THEN, PLEASE GO REST.
THEN, LET'S WAIT FOR NIGHT AND SET OUT.

WE REALLY WON'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE.
IF THINGS GET TO THAT,
ALL OUT WAR... THAT'S RIGHT.


I HAD
AN UNPLEASANT PREMONITION ABOUT THIS.



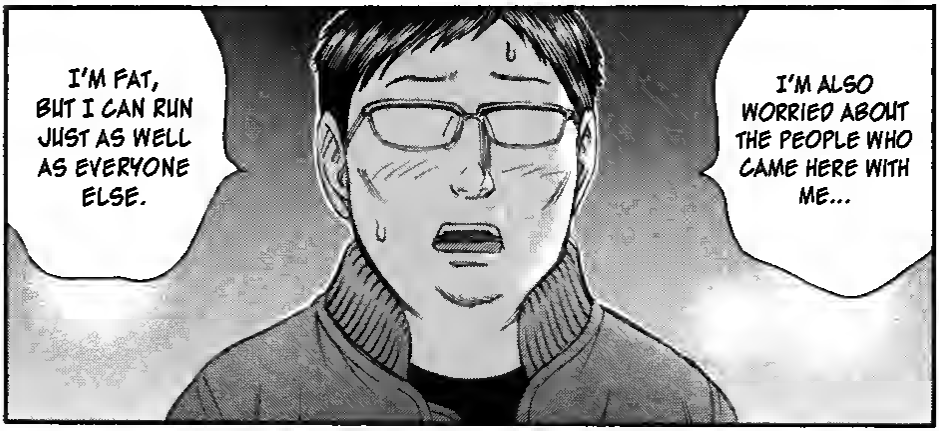


I'M GOING! I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THERE TOO!
THE GIRLS WOULD BE SCARED AND WOULDN'T FOLLOW YOU OUT IF IT WAS JUST YOU GUYS.

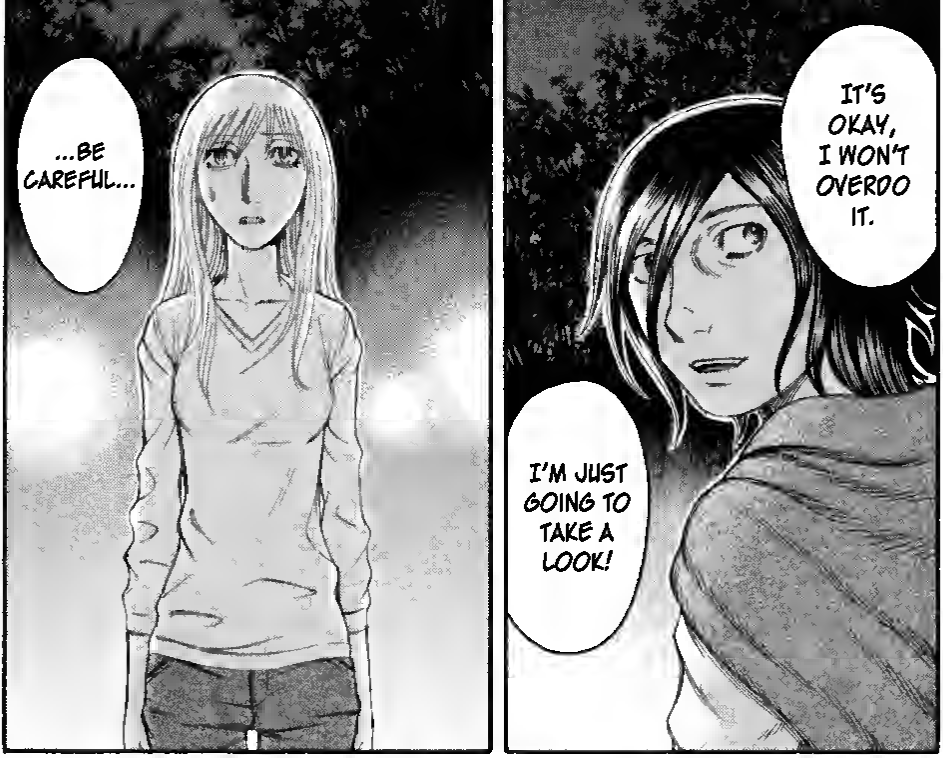
HEY, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO GO...?
I-IT'S DANGER-OUS, YOU KNOW...

IS THERE ANYONE WHO COULD BEAT ME?
I'M THE FASTEST AT RUNNING AWAY, REMEMBER? THINK ABOUT WHEN WE WERE CHASING THE GOATS!
IT'S DARK... AND WE MIGHT CAUSE AN UPROAR...
THAT'S... TRUE...
BESIDES,
YEAH...
THAT'S TRUE...
THIS TIME IT'S JUST SCOUTING, SO...
I'D BE SLOW AT RUNNING AWAY, AND I DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF FOR FIGHTING... SORRY, BUT...
SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT WOULD BE PRETTY TOUGH FOR ME...

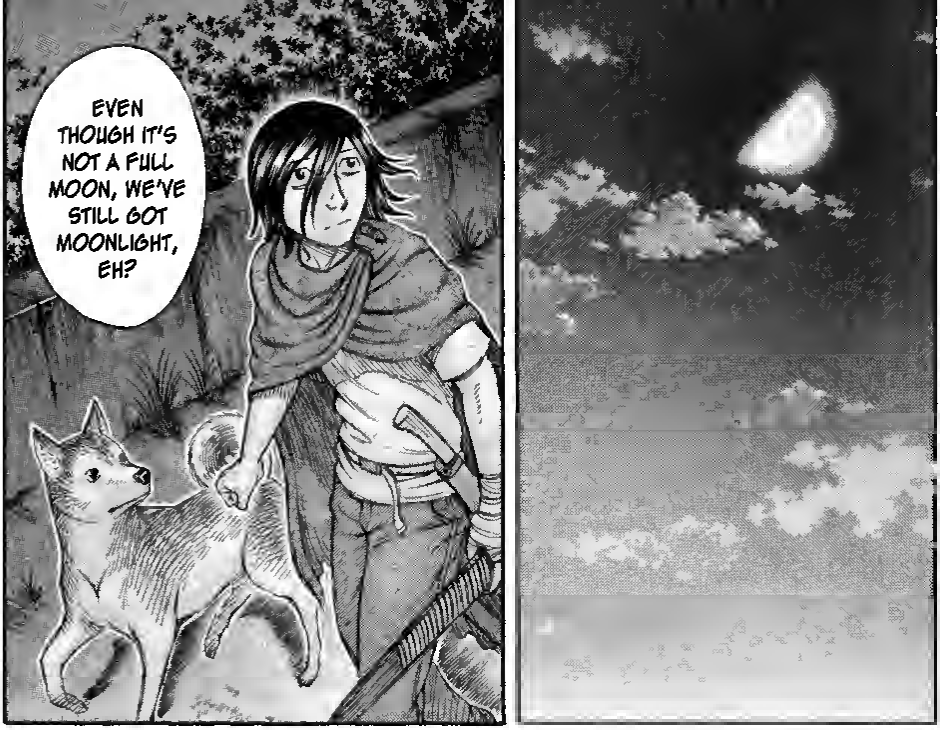
M-ME... I'M...
ARE YOU... GOING TOO?
YEAH, THAT'D BE BETTER, I THINK. LEAVE THIS PLACE TO ME.
NO... SUGI, I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE CARE OF PROTECTING THE VILLAGE. ALRIGHT?

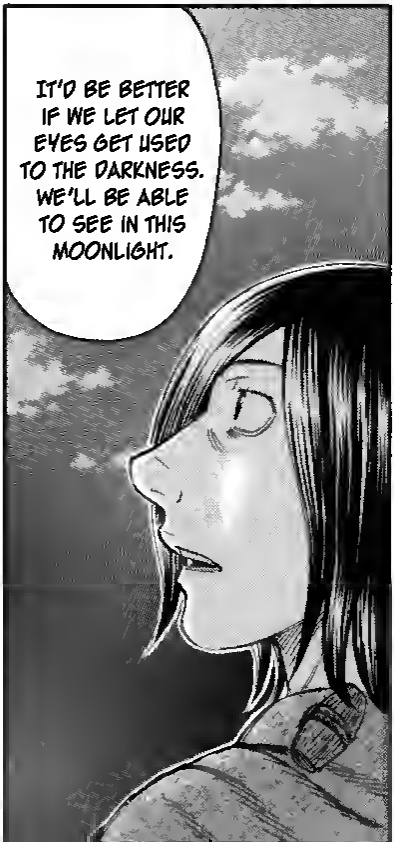

I'M FAT, BUT I CAN RUN JUST AS WELL AS EVERYONE ELSE.
I'M ALSO WORRIED ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE WITH ME...

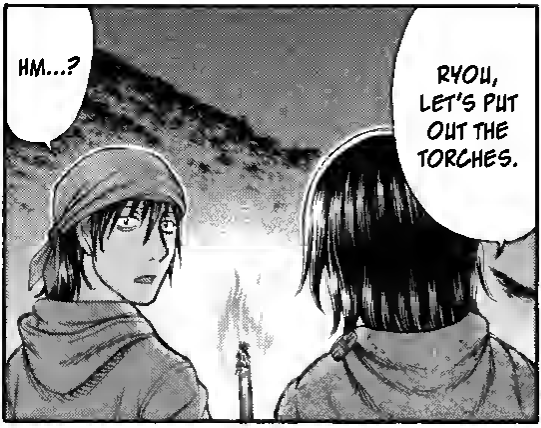
SEI...


...BE CAREFUL...
IT'S OKAY, I WON'T OVERDO IT.
I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE A LOOK!

LET'S GO!
ALRIGHT,


EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT A FULL MOON, WE'VE STILL GOT MOONLIGHT, EH?


IT'D BE BETTER IF WE LET OUR EYES GET USED TO THE DARKNESS. WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE IN THIS MOONLIGHT.


HM...?
RYOU, LET'S PUT OUT THE TORCHES.

WHY? WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE.

ALRIGHT, LET'S PUT OUT THE TORCHES AND GO.
YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT, WE'RE TOTALLY EXPOSED TO THE GUYS OVER THERE LIKE THIS.
IF YOU WAIT A LITTLE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE.
IT'S OKAY.
OKAY...
AS EXPECTED!
YOU'RE RIGHT... IT'S PRETTY BRIGHT...
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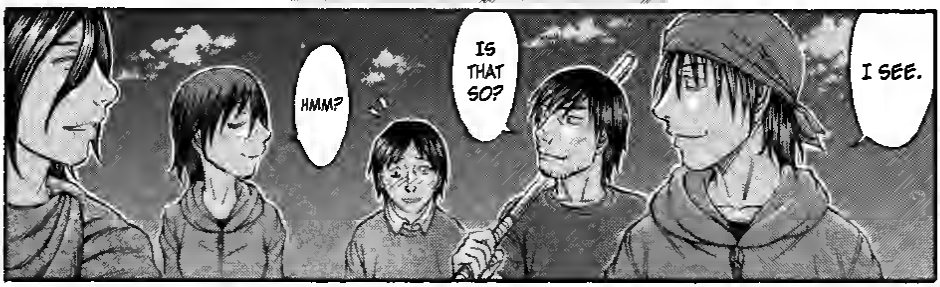
AND THE TWO OF US WOULD TALK ABOUT THE BOOKS WE'VE READ.

SHE LIKES BOOKS, AND PAINTING... SHE'D LEND THEM TO ME



WE'RE CLOSE. LET'S MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO LOOKOUTS IN THE HOUSE IN FRONT OF US AS WE GO.
GOT IT.
ISN'T THIS SOMEHOW REALLY EXCITING?
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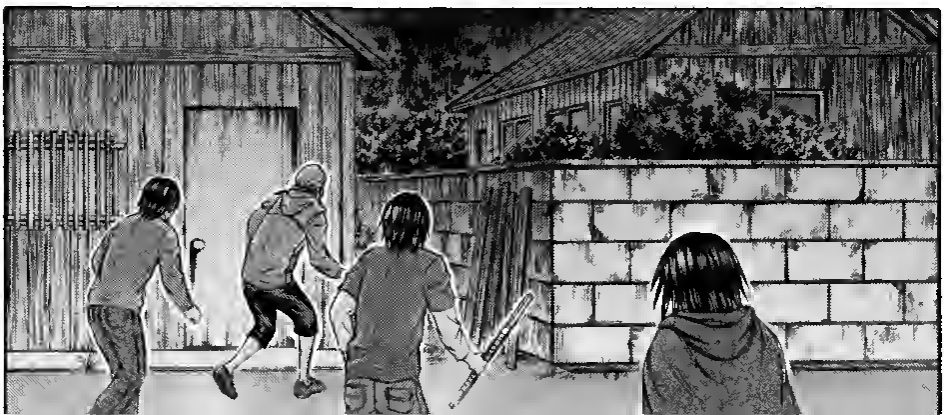
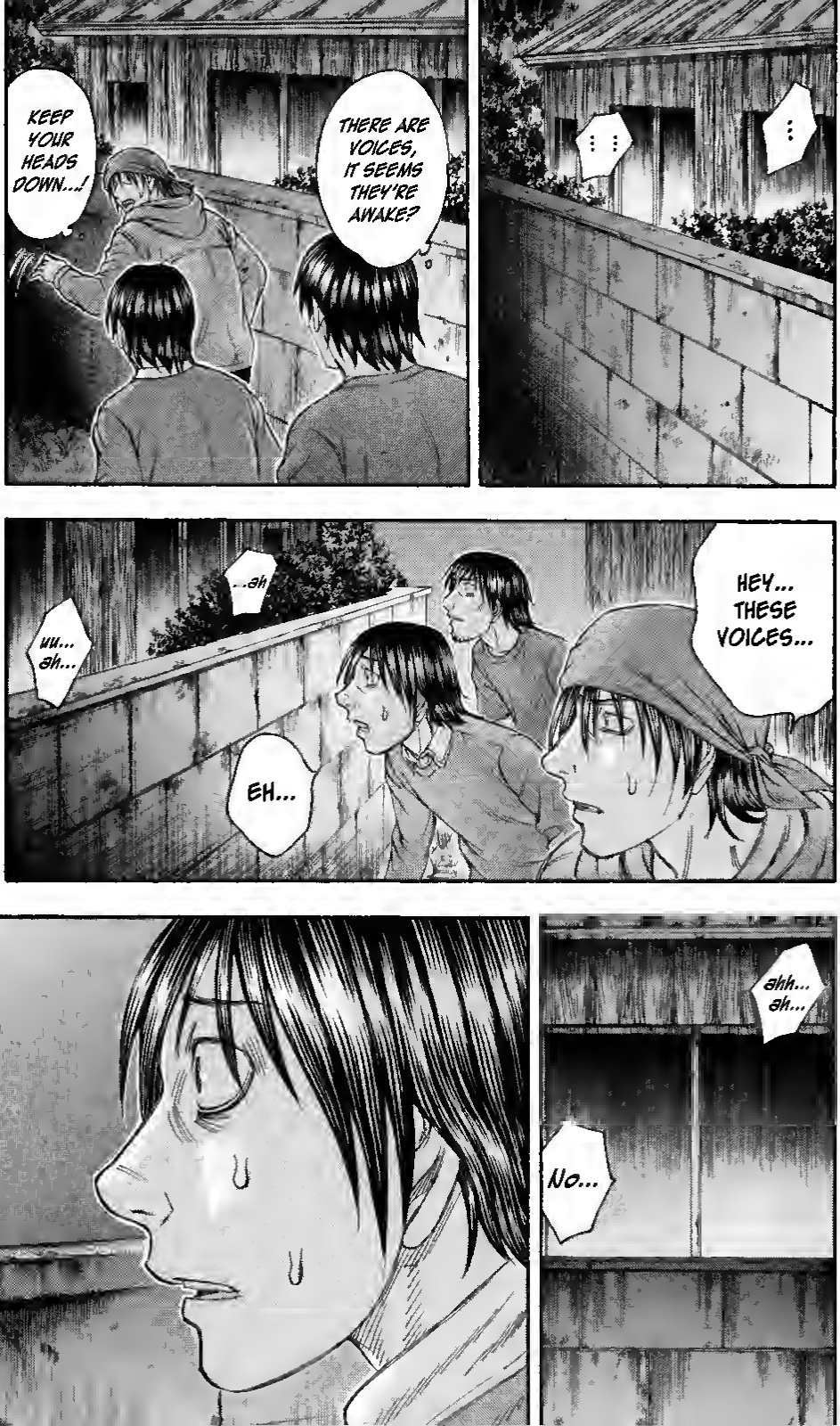
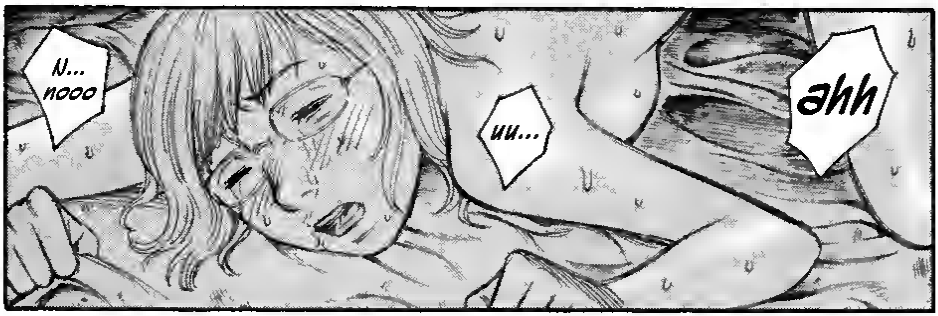
IKIRU, LET'S GO QUIETLY.
YEAH, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
SEI, FOR BACKUP, COULD YOU UP THE MOUNTAIN AGAIN?

THERE'S A FENCE, SO HIDE YOURSELVES. LET'S GO
WE'LL GO CHECK ON THE SITUATION IN SAWADA'S RESIDENCE AND THE HOUSE IN FRONT OF US.




KEEP YOUR HEADS DOWN...!
THERE ARE VOICES, IT SEEMS THEY'RE AWAKE?
...
...
...ah
uu... ah...
EH...
HEY... THESE VOICES...
ahh... ah...
No...

NO... AHH!
AHHH!
AHHHHHH


N... nooo
uu...
ahh

AH... AHHH...
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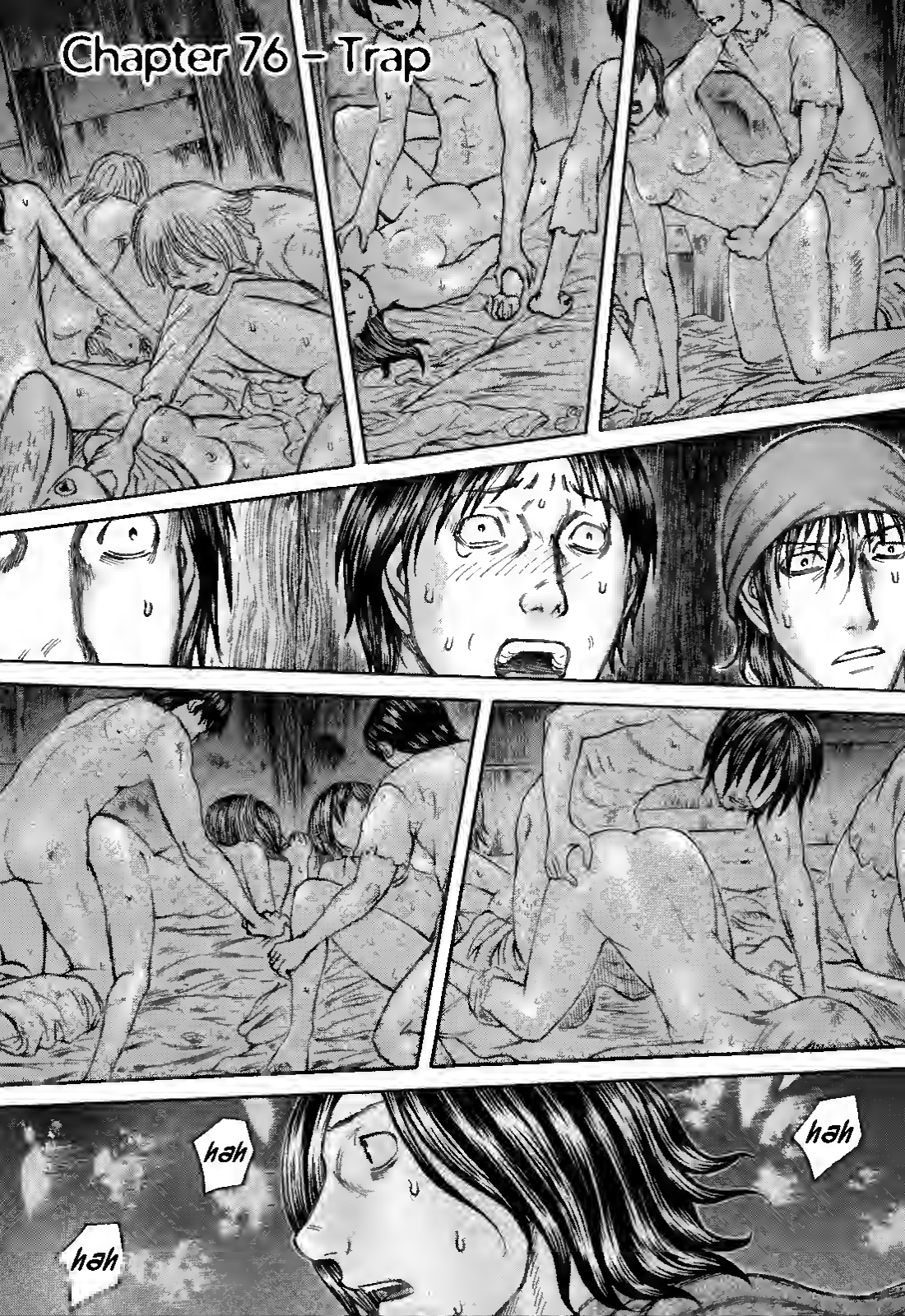
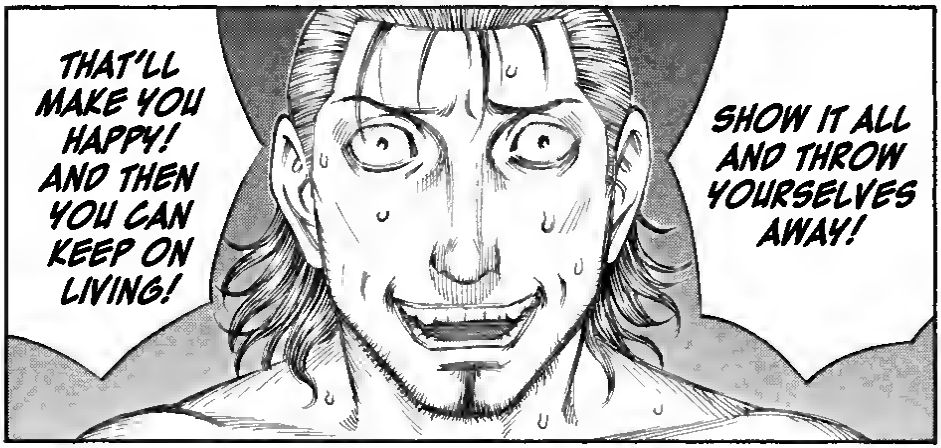
Chapter 76 - Trap



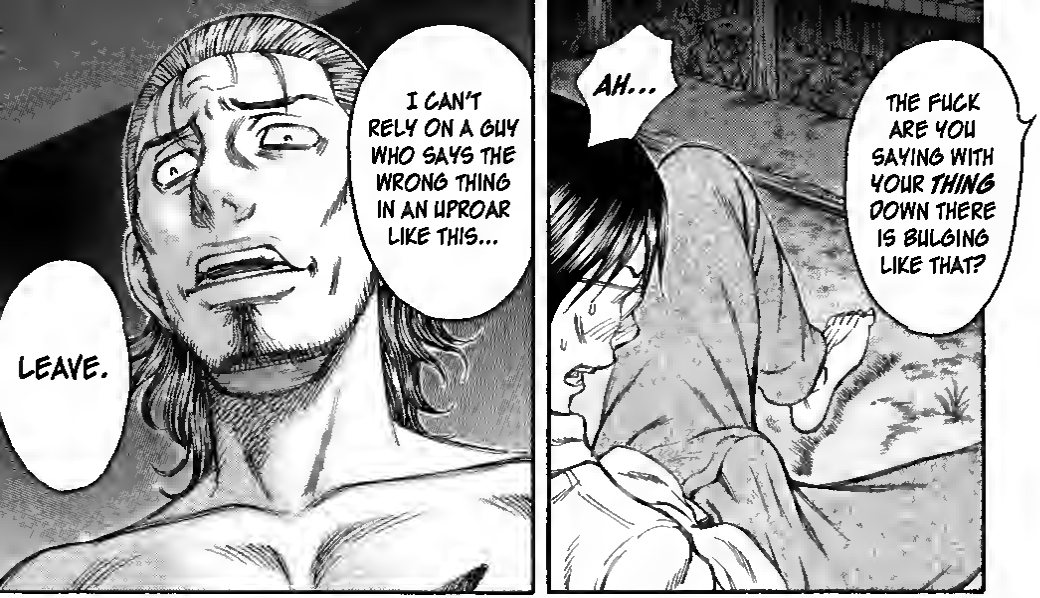
SHOW YOUR ASSHOLE, YOUR GENITALS, KEEP SATISFYING YOURSELVES!
SHOW IT, SHOW IT, SHOW IT ALL!!!


THAT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY! AND THEN YOU CAN KEEP ON LIVING!
SHOW IT ALL AND THROW YOURSELVES AWAY!

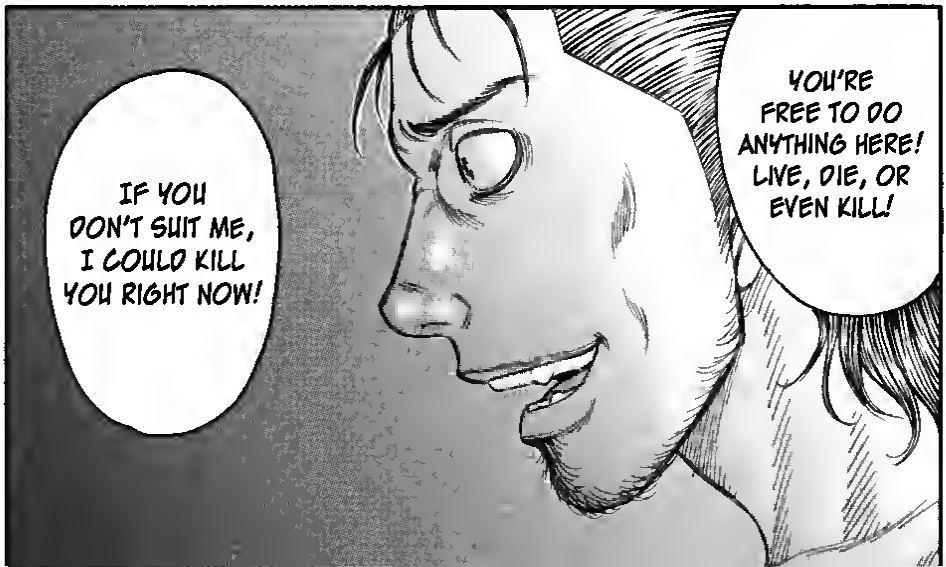
HOW IS IT, NEWCOMER? YOU'RE MAKING A GREAT VOICE, AREN'T YOU!?
NO... NOOO...

SLEEP FEELING REFRESHED!! AND THEN TOMORROW KEEP WORKING HARD!!
SPIT OUT ALL YOUR DESIRES!
HEY! SHE'S SAYING SHE'S NOT SATISFIED YET! KEEP GOING!!
YE... YES!!
AAAHH!
IIII...
AMAZ... ING
AHHHH...
YE... YES...!
IF YOU WORK HARD, I'LL LET YOU DO IT ALL YOU LIKE. HOW ABOUT IT!?
ISN'T THIS PLACE THE BEST?
WHADDYA THINK, YA BASTARD NEW-COMERS!?

I... I'M...
NOT REALLY...
HOW ABOUT YOU?
M-ME...?
YEAH, YOU.
NOT REALLY??
GYAH!
WHAT...
THE FUCK YOU MEAN, "WHAT"?

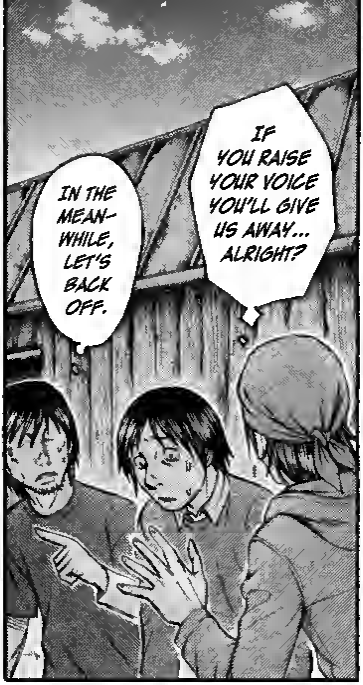

I CAN'T RELY ON A GUY WHO SAYS THE WRONG THING IN AN UPROAR LIKE THIS...
LEAVE.
AH...
THE FUCK ARE YOU SAYING WITH YOUR THING DOWN THERE IS BULGING LIKE THAT?

THE FUCK SHOULD I KNOW?
WHERE DO I GO...!?
WAIT, BUT "LEAVE"...


IF YOU DON'T SUIT ME, I COULD KILL YOU RIGHT NOW!
YOU'RE FREE TO DO ANYTHING HERE! LIVE, DIE, OR EVEN KILL!

WAAAHH!
JUST... WHAT...
WH- WHA...
!!!
YOU GOT IT?
KEEP RUNNING! I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
HAAHAHA HAHAA!!
.....
.....

AH... AH!
YAAH...
...
HEY! ALL OF YOU, KEEP GOING! HARDER!
YOU MIGHT DIE TOMORROW! JIZZ SO THAT YOU LEAVE NO REGRETS!
AH... AH!!
AH...

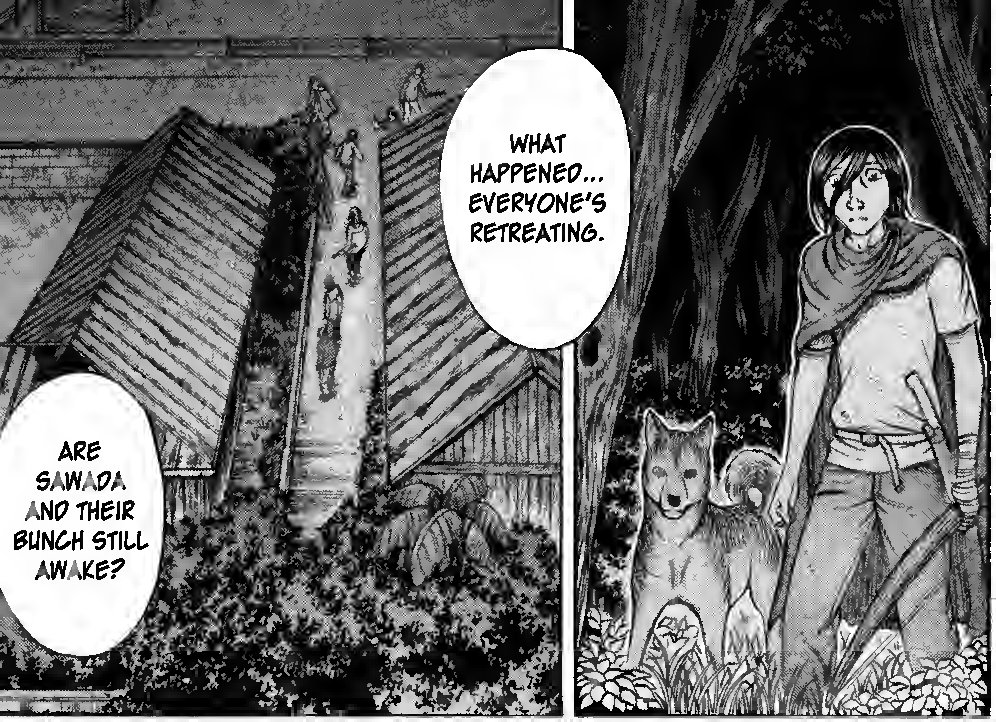

IN THE MEAN-WHILE, LET'S BACK OFF.
IF YOU RAISE YOUR VOICE YOU'LL GIVE US AWAY... ALRIGHT?

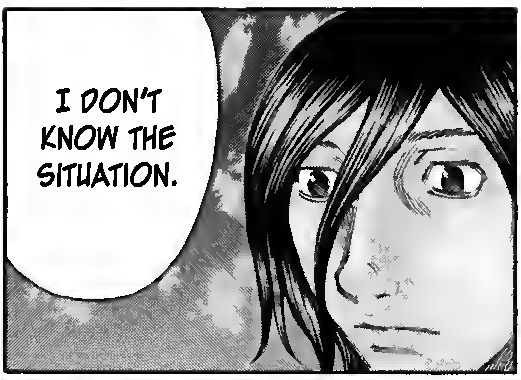
!!
CALM DOWN...!

.....
OH...
YOU GUYS COME TOO.

THIS GUY IS REALLY AMAZING...!!!

AMAZ-ING...

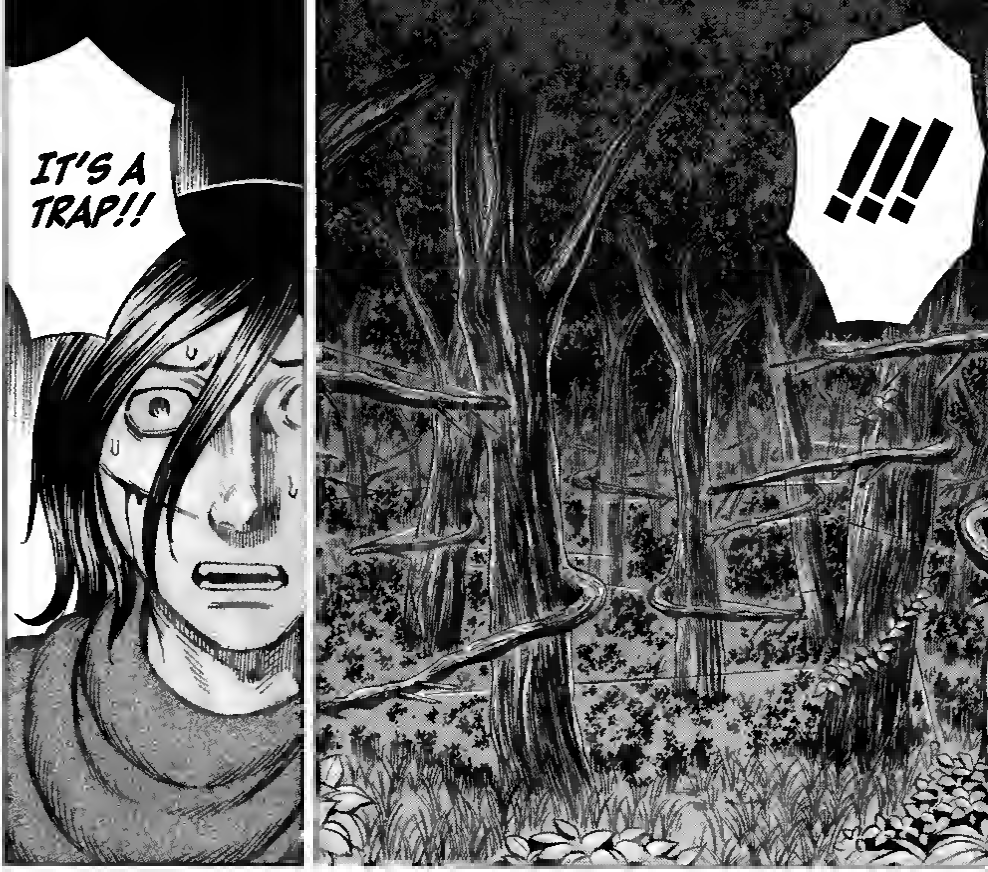

WHAT HAPPENED... EVERYONE'S RETREATING.
ARE SAWADA AND THEIR BUNCH STILL AWAKE?


I DON'T KNOW THE SITUATION.

LET'S GET A BIT CLOSER, BUT CAREFULLY.

HM?
!!!
WHA...

THIS...
EEGH!
WHAT IS... THIS? THEY'VE PUT UP STRINGS?
Grrrr...
DON'T MOVE...!
WAIT, IKIRU!


IT'S A TRAP!!
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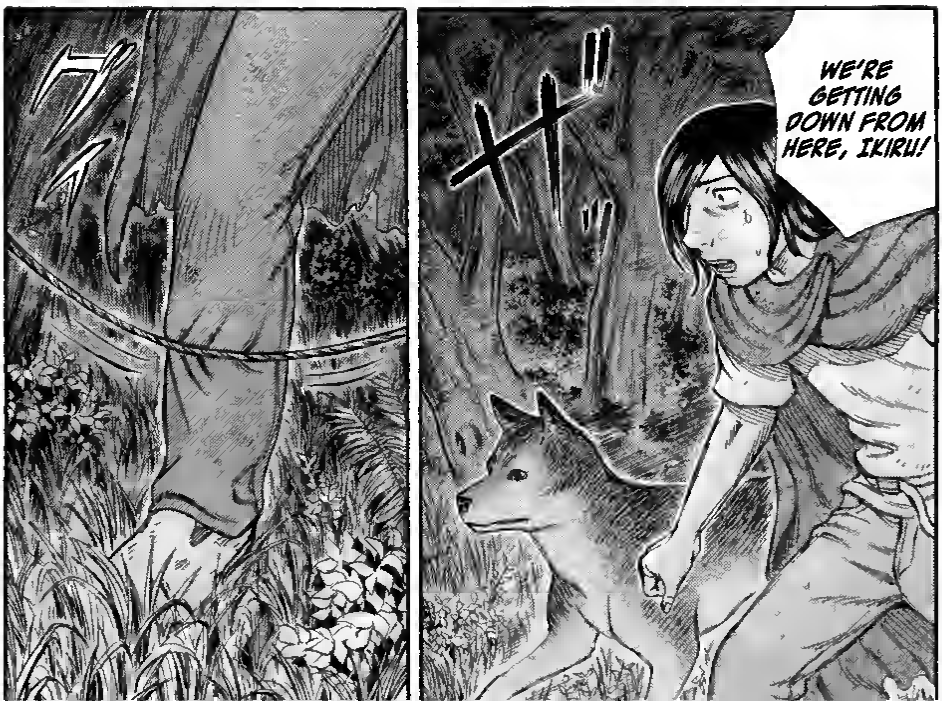
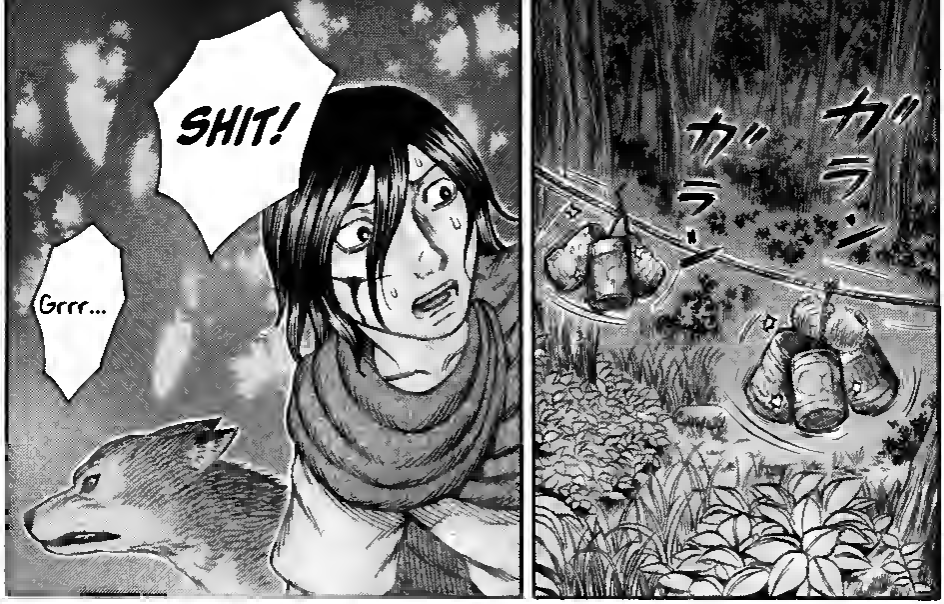
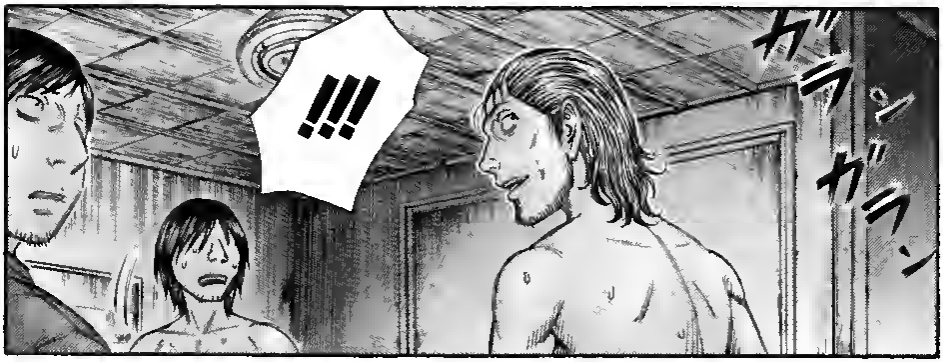

WE'RE GETTING DOWN FROM HERE, IKIRU!


SHIT!
Grrr...
ガラン
ガラン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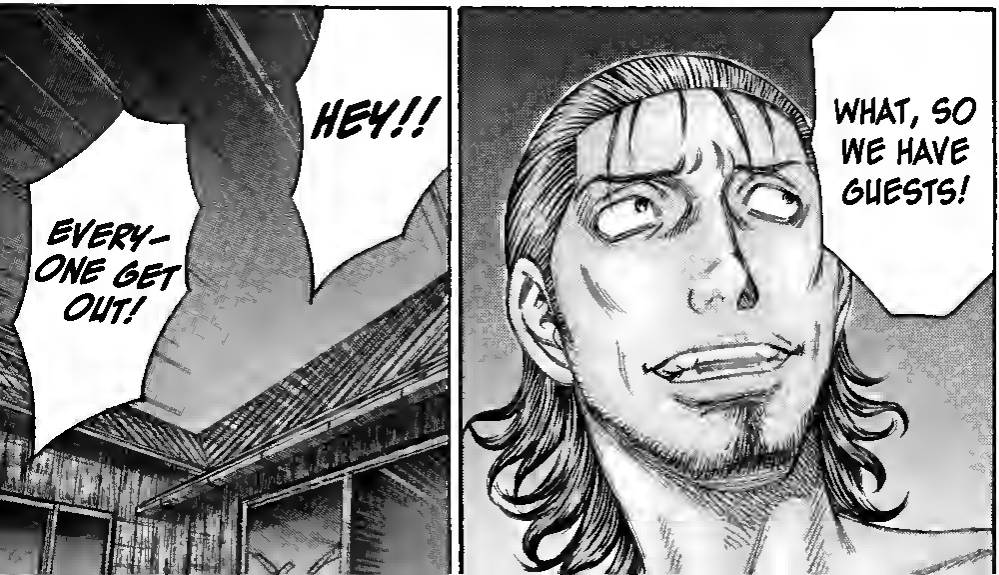
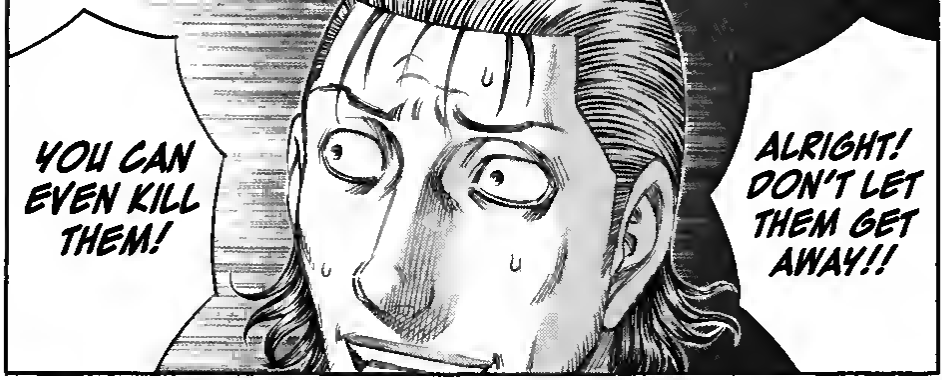

HEY!!
EVERY-ONE GET OUT!
WHAT, SO WE HAVE GUESTS!

LET'S PULL BACK!
THIS IS BAD...!
OHH!
THEY'RE HERE! IT'S THOSE GUYS!
!!
KYAAAH!
ORAAAH!!
HE'S GOT THE BANDANA!
YES!
IS IT THAT GUY FROM OVER THERE?


YOU CAN EVEN KILL THEM!
ALRIGHT! DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!!

RYOU!
WAIT! THIS ISN'T...!
OHH!

WAIT...!

RAAAH!

AH...
IDIOT!!
GUAH!

IF YOU DON'T KILL THEM, THEY'LL KILL YOU!
THESE GUYS ARE SERIOUS!

KYAAAA!
BUT... BUT... NO...

ウォンウォオオン
RYOUUU!!
LET GO...
STOOOP!!!
STOP... STOP IT...!
GRRRR...
UWAH!

!!
ビク
GET BACK!!
IKIRU!

THAT'S NOT JUST A THREAT... DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
I SAID GET BACK...!

F-FUCK!
TH-THANKS ...!
GO!

SHIT... IT'S THAT GUY AGAIN.
IT'S BAD...
SEI!!
IS IT SEI?
ALRIGHT! EVERYONE, WE'RE RETREAT-ING!!
OH...?
BAS-TARDS ...!
HURRY!
YOU... YOU'RE...!

!
ARE YOU GOING TO SHOOT SOMEONE DOWN AGAIN?

ARE THE SAME.
YOU AND I

KAI!!!
K...
[Chapter 76 – Trap / End]

Chapter 77 – Premonition of Battle

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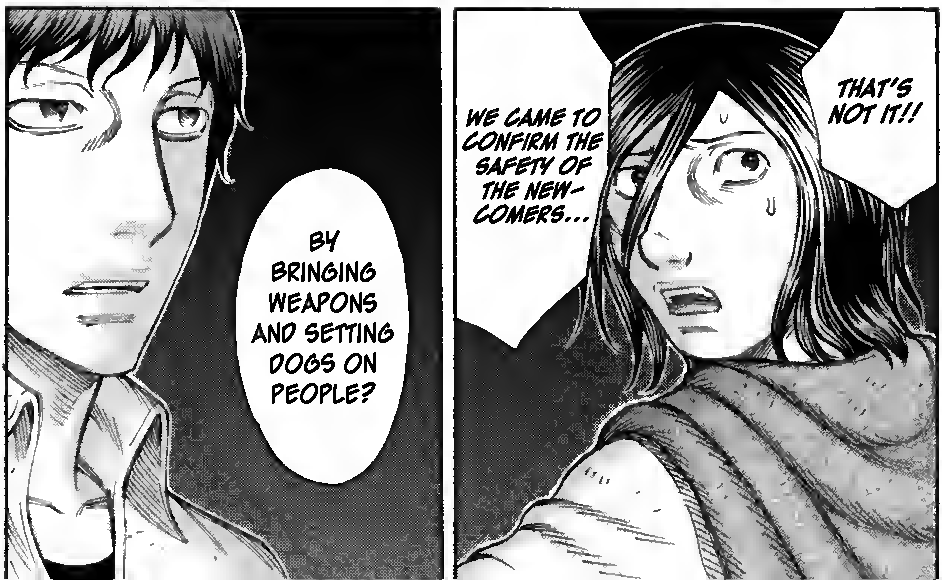
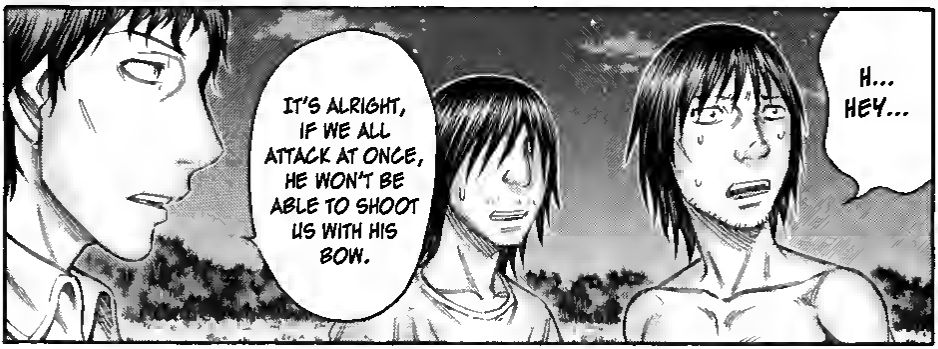
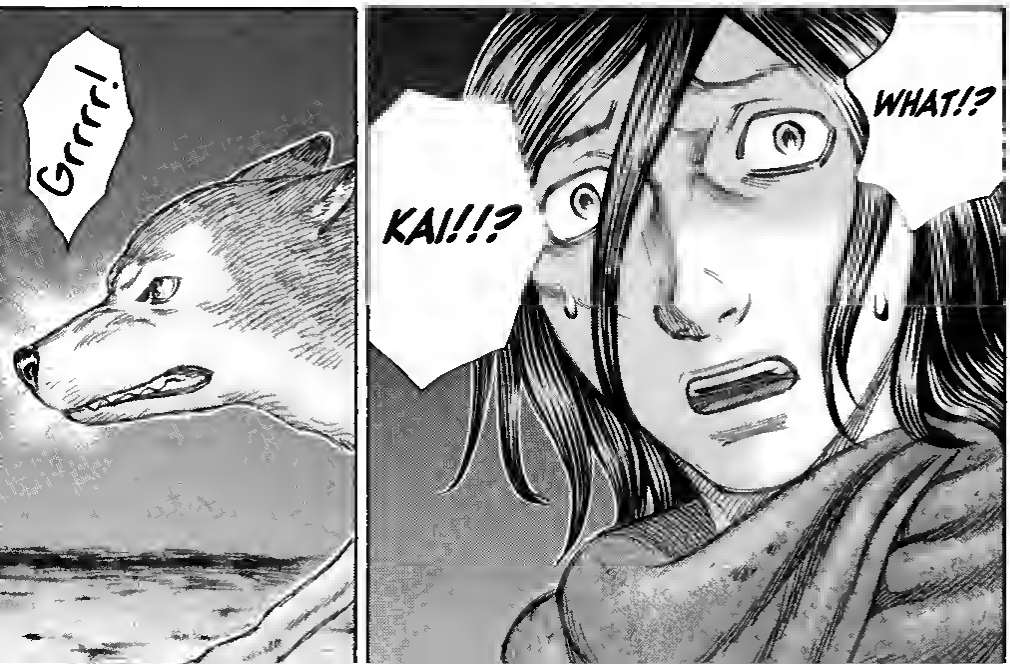
THAT'S NOT...!
HOW FOOLISH.
SO YOU CAME FOR A NIGHT ASSAULT.

IT'S THE END FOR US.
NOW YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO AVOID BATTLE.

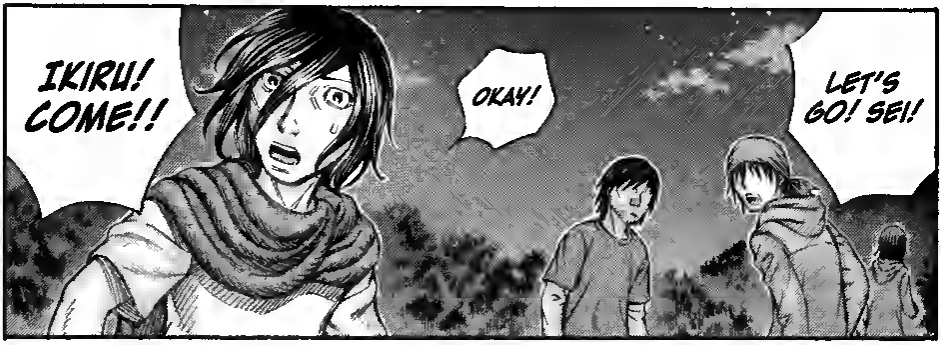

BY BRINGING WEAPONS AND SETTING DOGS ON PEOPLE?
WE CAME TO CONFIRM THE SAFETY OF THE NEW-COMERS...
THAT'S NOT IT!!

WHAT!!?
SEI'S... STILL THERE!!
WHAT'S WRONG? SEI'S...


IT'S ALRIGHT, IF WE ALL ATTACK AT ONCE, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO SHOOT US WITH HIS BOW.
H... HEY...


Grrr!
KAI!!?
WHAT!?

KUH!
HIII!
Raff!
AAH!


IKIRU! COME!!
OKAY!
LET'S GO! SEI!

!!
SEI!

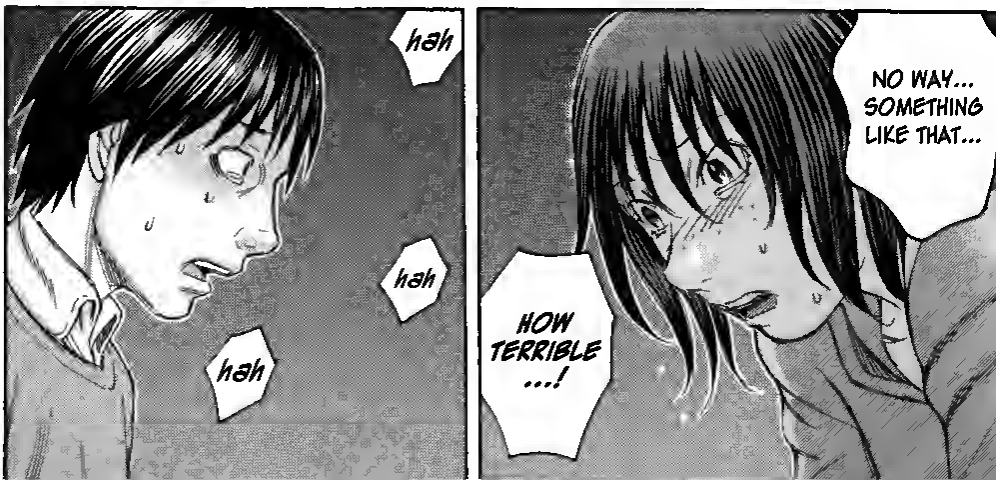
THERE WILL BE NO MORE NIGHTS WHERE YOU CAN SLEEP PEACEFULLY.
YOUR SIDE INSTIGATED THIS.

THERE'S NO END TO IT.
THIS FIGHT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THERE'S NO ONE LEFT.

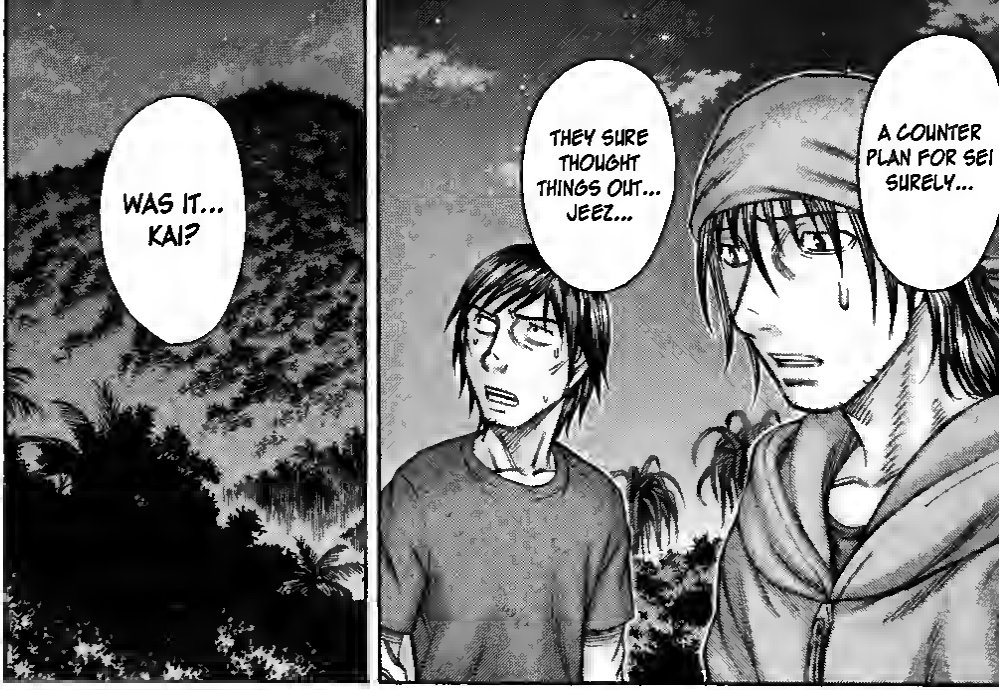
hah
hah
hah

KAI...!

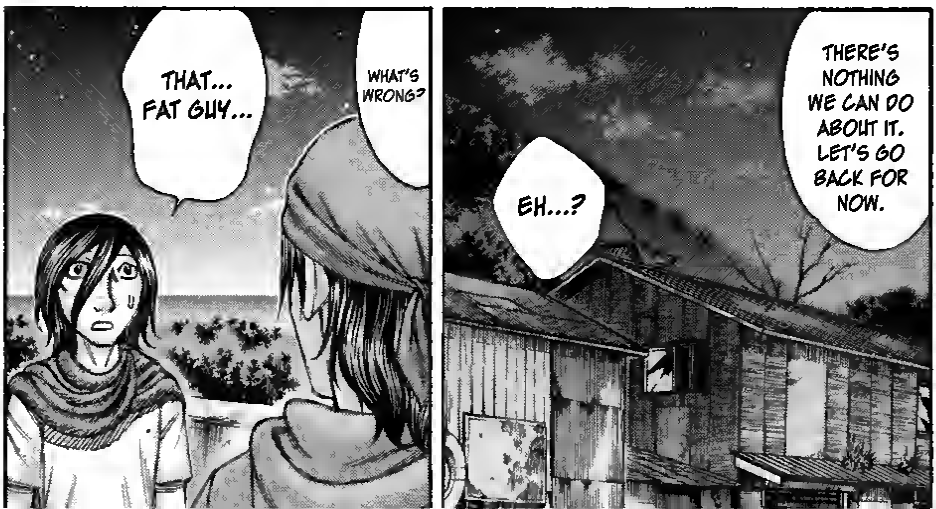
hah
hah
hah
hah
hah


hah
hah
hah
NO WAY... SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
HOW TERRIBLE ...!

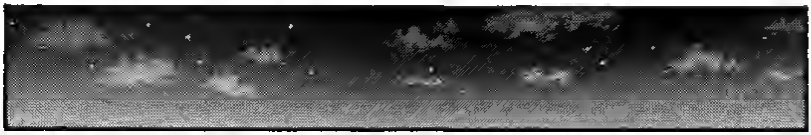
hah
SEI!
hah
hah
hah
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE CHASING US...
hah
YEAH... AH!
SERI-OUSLY?
A TRAP...!?
OH... AH, NO.
YOU'RE BLEEDING... DID THEY GET YOU?
THAT'S HOW THEY FOUND OUT... SORRY.
THEY LAID OUT A TRAP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MOUNTAINS.

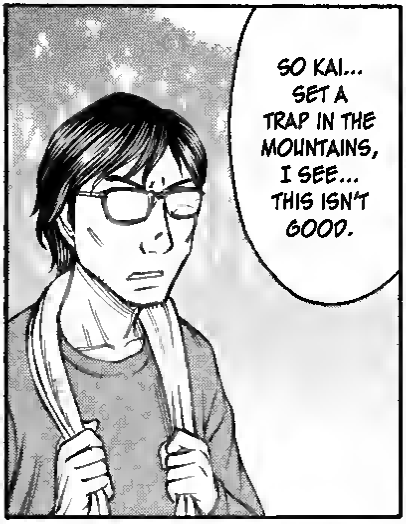

A COUNTER PLAN FOR SEI SURELY...
THEY SURE THOUGHT THINGS OUT... JEEZ...
WAS IT... KAI?

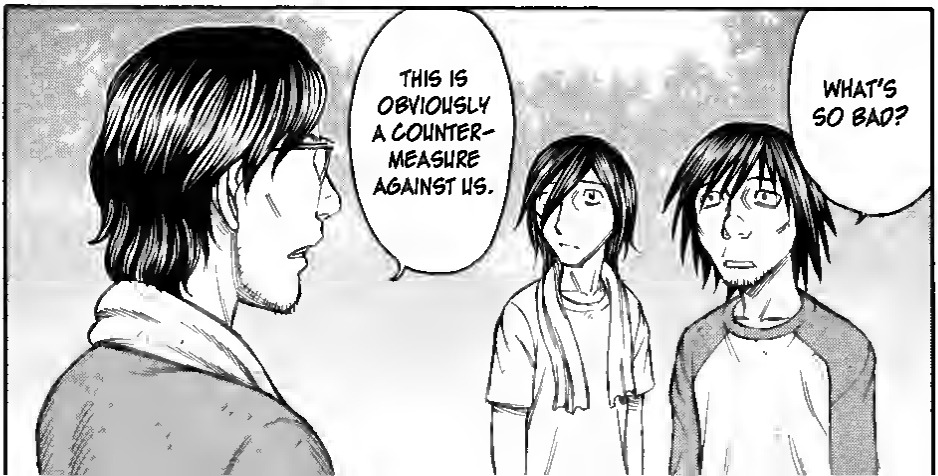
THEY'VE BEEN MOSTLY UNORGANIZED UP UNTIL NOW... SO IT'S CONCEIVABLE.
DID HE REALLY GO OVER TO THAT SIDE?
.....


THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. LET'S GO BACK FOR NOW.
EH...?
WHAT'S WRONG?
THAT... FAT GUY...

DID HE GET CAUGHT!?
I'LL GO BACK AND CHECK!
HOL—
HOLD ON!
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ESCAPING TOGETHER...
HE WAS WITH ME UP UNTIL A MOMENT AGO?
OH, WHAT THE HELL.
DID HE GO TO TAKE A PISS?
IT'S FINE, LET'S JUST GO. HE'S NOT GOING TO GET LOST.
IS IT OKAY?
YEAH, IT'S FINE.
.....
LET'S GO BACK, EVERYONE'S WORRYING.




SO KAI... SET A TRAP IN THE MOUNTAINS, I SEE... THIS ISN'T GOOD.


THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A COUNTER-MEASURE AGAINST US.
WHAT'S SO BAD?

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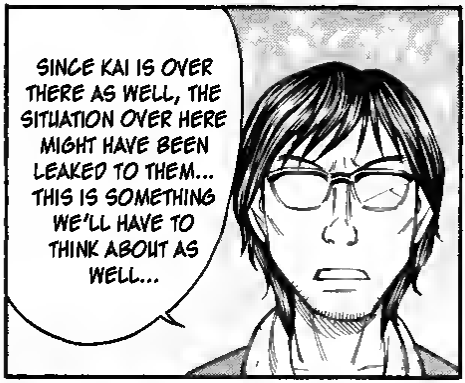
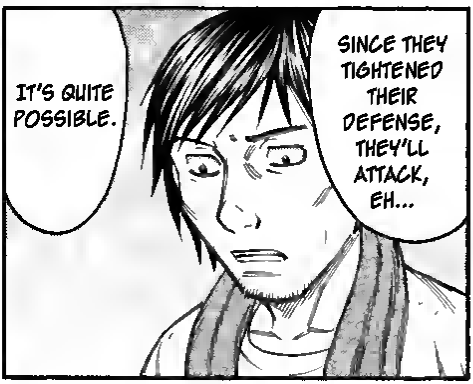
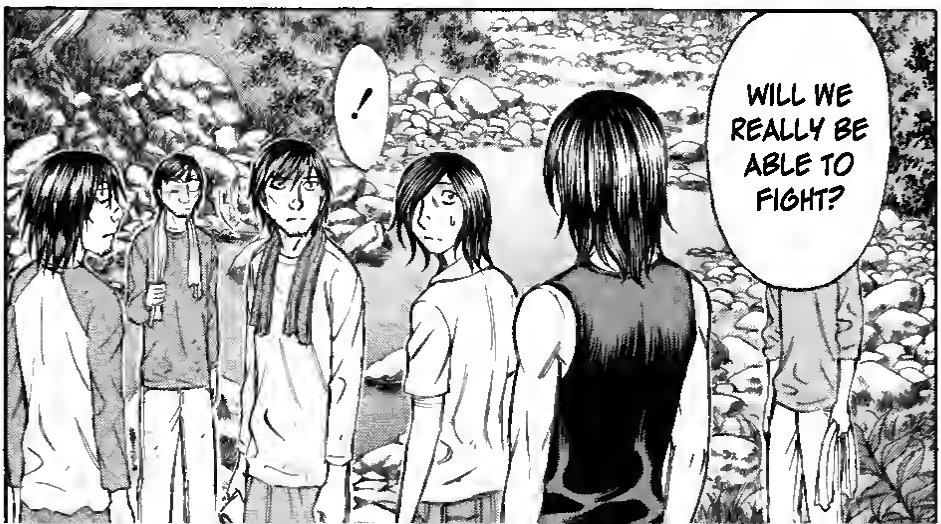
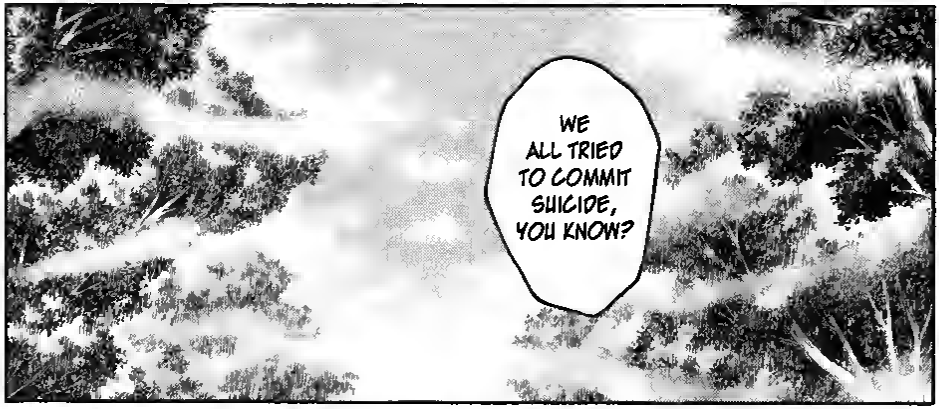
THESE COULD BE PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLE.


SINCE KAI IS OVER THERE AS WELL, THE SITUATION OVER HERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN LEAKED TO THEM... THIS IS SOMETHING WE'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT AS WELL...


IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE.
SINCE THEY TIGHTENED THEIR DEFENSE, THEY'LL ATTACK, EH...


!
WILL WE REALLY BE ABLE TO FIGHT?

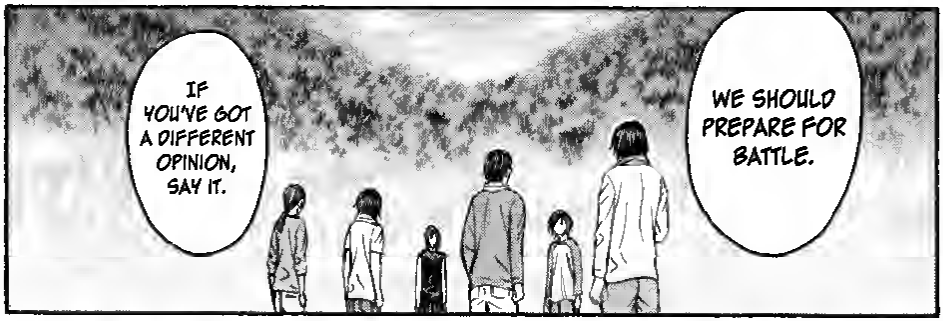
IF IT GETS TO FIGHTING, WE MIGHT HAVE TO KILL ONE ANOTHER... NO, WE'LL HAVE TO!
WILL WE REALLY BE ABLE TO DO THAT... TO TAKE SOMEONE'S LIFE...?


WE ALL TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE, YOU KNOW?

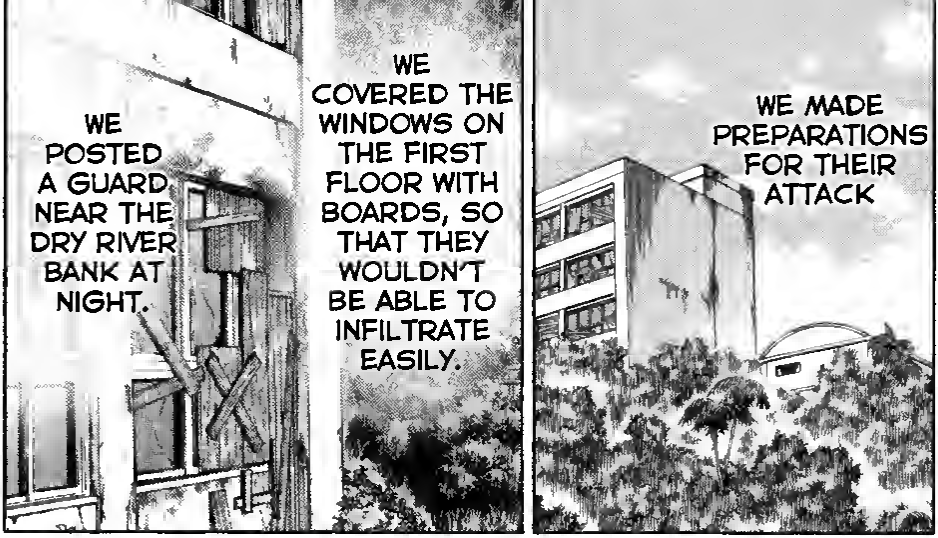
RYOU... YOU'RE TOO NAIVE!
KEN...
THEN I CAN KILL.
IF I'LL BE KILLED IF I DON'T KILL,

.....
THINGS LIKE THAT WILL GET YOU KILLED!!
THIS TIME YOU TRIED TALKING TO OUR OPPONENTS WHEN THEY WERE RUSHING AT US...

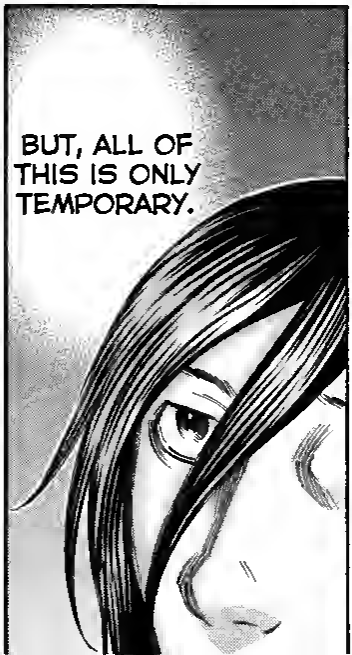
EVEN IF IT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO KILL.
I WANT TO PROTECT THIS PLACE.


IF YOU'VE GOT A DIFFERENT OPINION, SAY IT.
WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR BATTLE.

IN THE END...

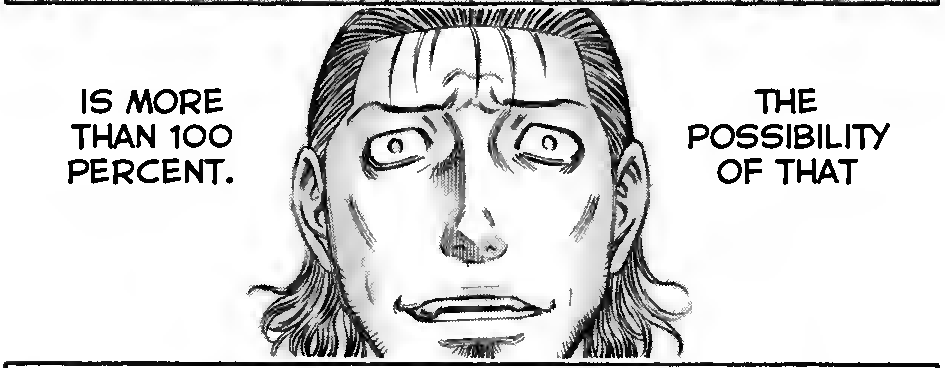

WE POSTED A GUARD NEAR THE DRY RIVER BANK AT NIGHT.
WE COVERED THE WINDOWS ON THE FIRST FLOOR WITH BOARDS, SO THAT THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO INFILTRATE EASILY.
WE MADE PREPARATIONS FOR THEIR ATTACK

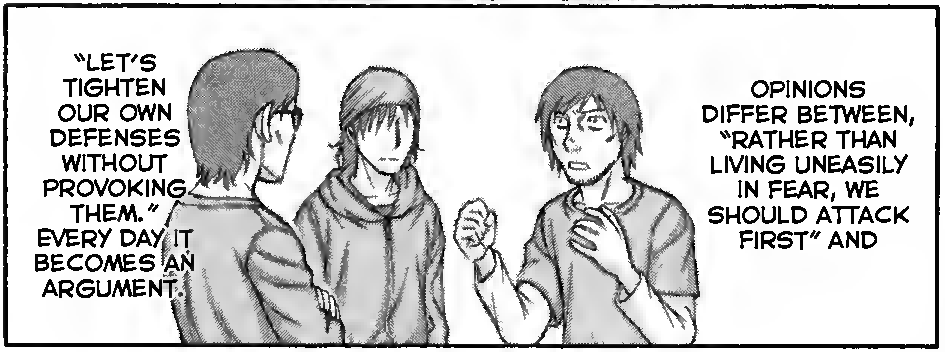
ALTHOUGH THERE WERE WORRIES IT WOULD BE DAMAGED, THERE WAS NOTHING TO BE DONE ABOUT IT.
FOR SAFETY REASONS, WE AVOIDED STAYING AT THE FARMHOUSE.

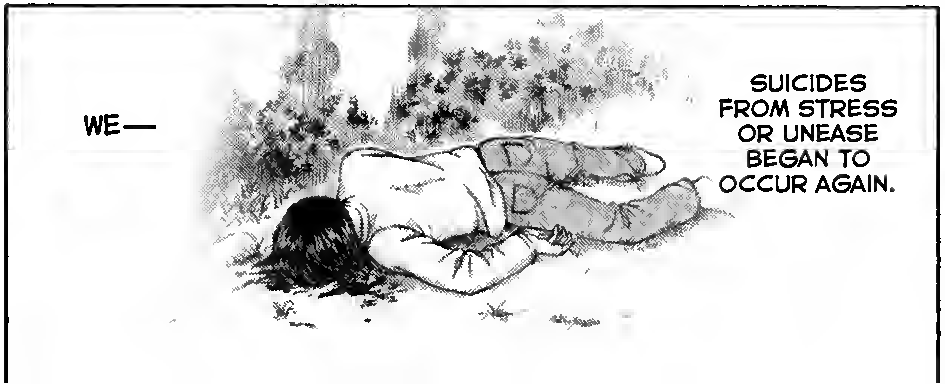

BUT, ALL OF THIS IS ONLY TEMPORARY.

IF ANYONE MADE A SOUND, IKIRU WOULD NOTICE.
IKIRU AND I DECIDED TO SLEEP ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

IT'LL BE AS IF WE HAD NO SECURITY.
IF THEY ATTACK IN AN ARMED GROUP,


IS MORE THAN 100 PERCENT.
THE POSSIBILITY OF THAT


"LET'S TIGHTEN OUR OWN DEFENSES WITHOUT PROVOKING THEM." EVERY DAY IT BECOMES AN ARGUMENT.
OPINIONS DIFFER BETWEEN, "RATHER THAN LIVING UNEASILY IN FEAR, WE SHOULD ATTACK FIRST" AND

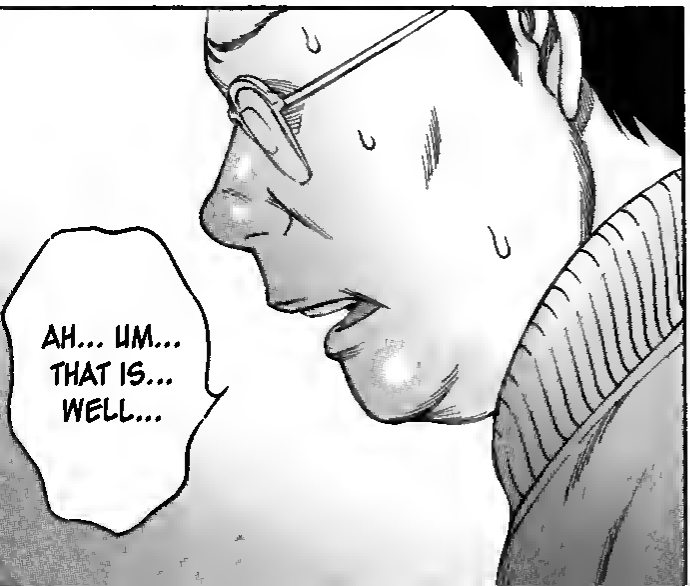

WE—
SUICIDES FROM STRESS OR UNEASE BEGAN TO OCCUR AGAIN.

GRADUALLY...
BECAME TIRED.
THIS SURE IS STRANGE... HEY!
ASS-HOLE...
WHAT'S YOUR GOAL?

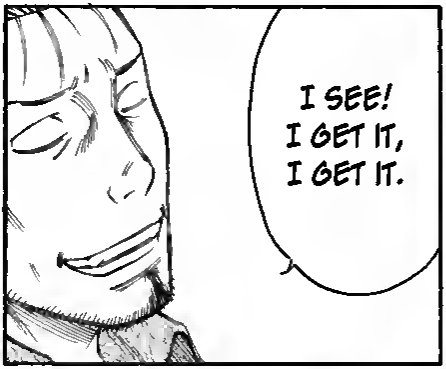
I WAS WONDERING... YES?
AH-AHH... IF POSSIBLE... I'D LIKE TO JOIN YOU...

I'M ASKING YOU, WHY HERE? STOP WASTING TIME.

HII... NO, NO!
YOU! YOU'RE SOME SORT OF SPY, AREN'T YOU!?


AH... UM... THAT IS... WELL...

I...
I WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH WOMEN!


I SEE! I GET IT, I GET IT.

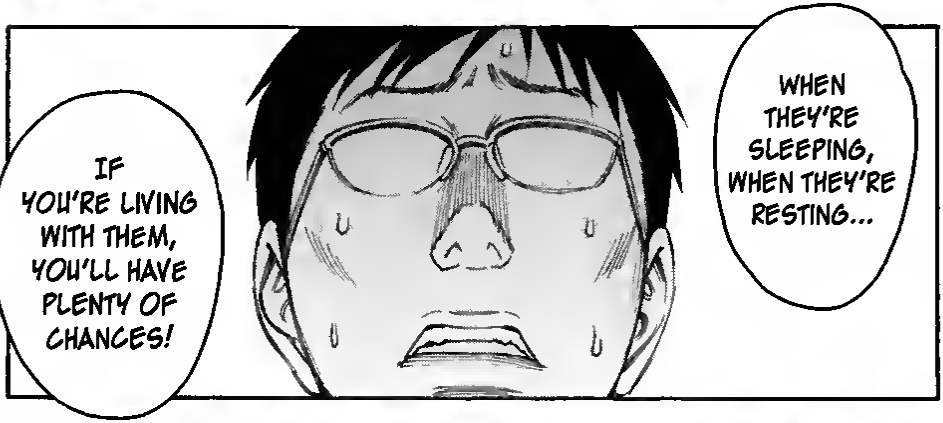
A FAT NERD LIKE YOU, COMING HERE WITH NO LUCK WITH WOMEN...
THAT'S IT THEN, EH? I UNDERSTAND YOU.

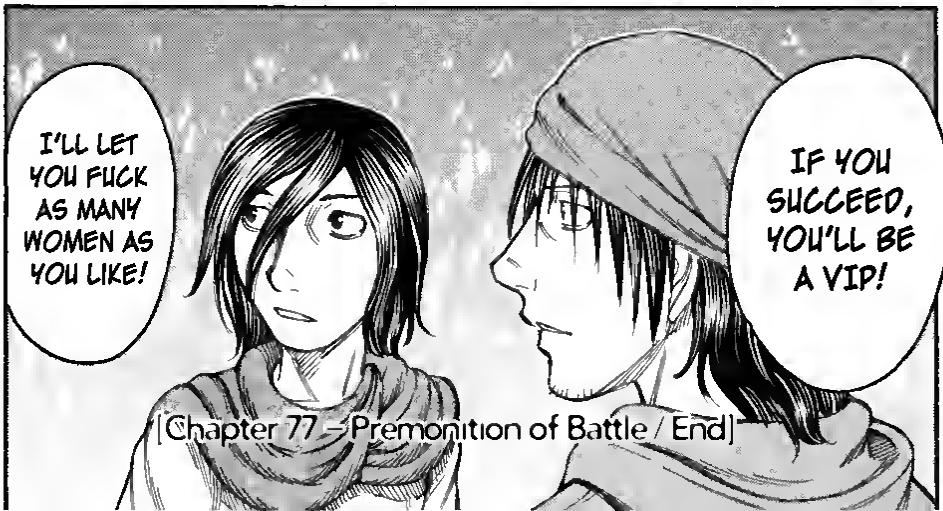
I HAVE A CONDITION.
I LIKE Y—
AH?

KILL EITHER RYOU OR SEI THEN COME BACK.
FOR NOW, GO BACK AND LIVE WITH THEM.

YOU SURE ARE INTEREST-ING... KAI.
.....
AND IT'LL MAKE THINGS EASIER FROM HERE ON.
...WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK? THAT WAY WE CAN TRUST HIM.

ONE OF THOSE TWO, EITHER ONE, KILL HIM AND COME BACK.
I'LL MAKE USE OF YOU.


IF YOU'RE LIVING WITH THEM, YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF CHANCES!
WHEN THEY'RE SLEEPING, WHEN THEY'RE RESTING...


I'LL LET YOU FUCK AS MANY WOMEN AS YOU LIKE!
IF YOU SUCCEED, YOU'LL BE A VIP!

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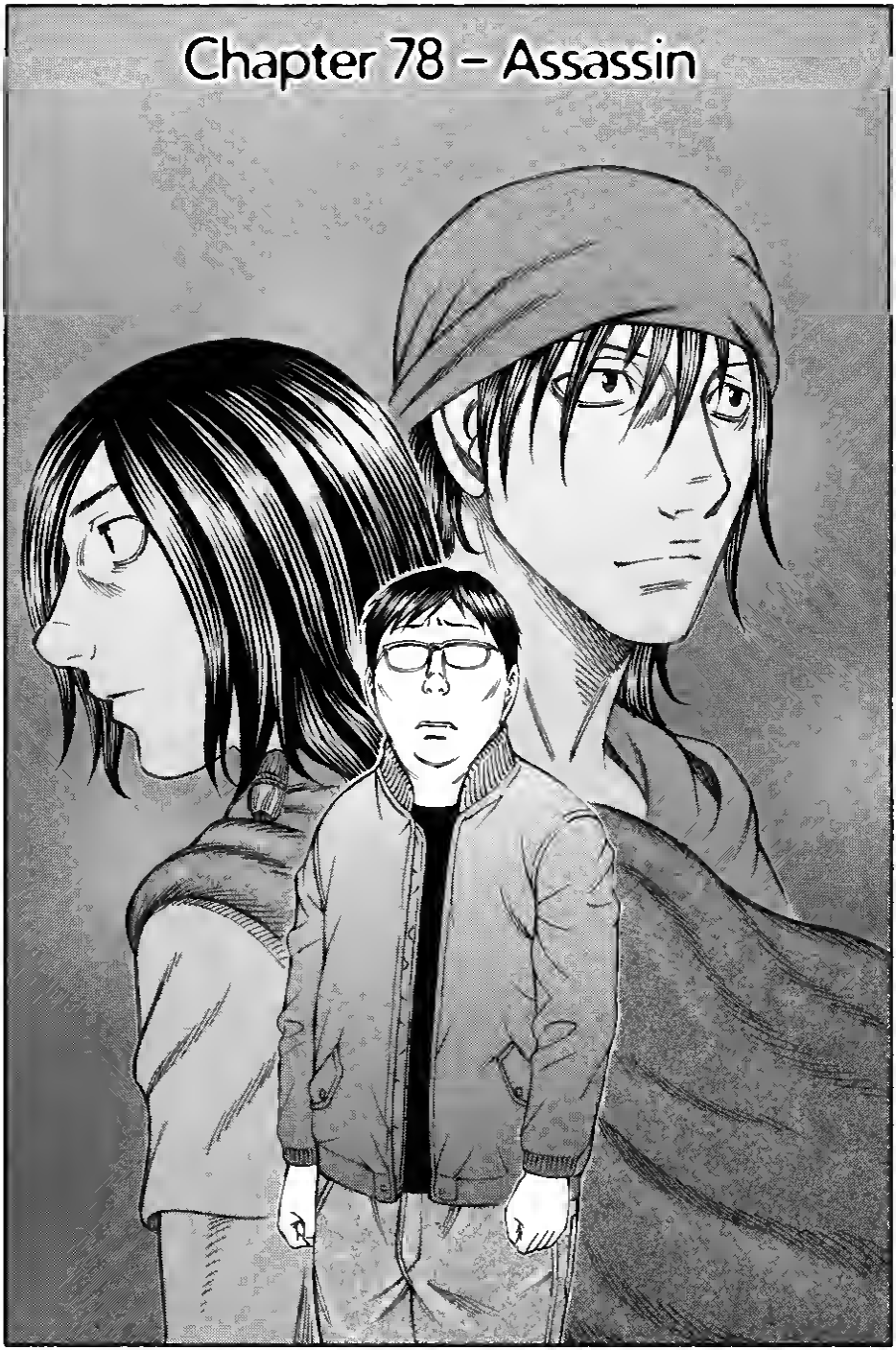

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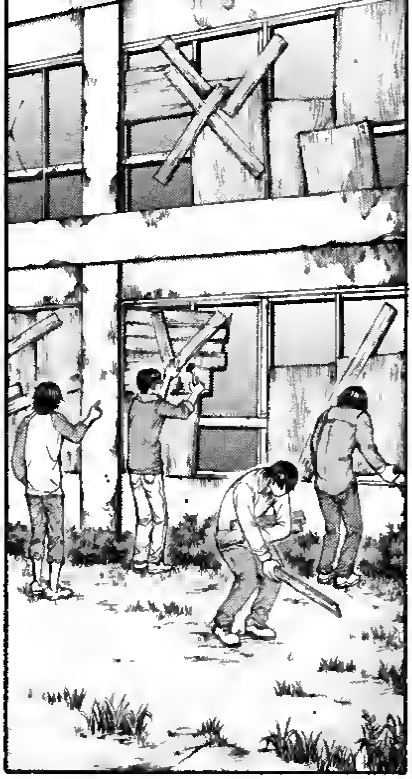
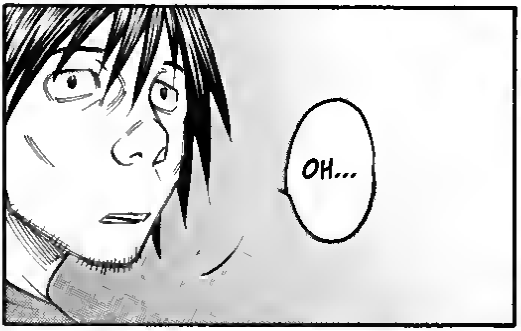
HOW IS IT? IS IT SLANTING?
IT'S OKAY, YOU'RE FINE.

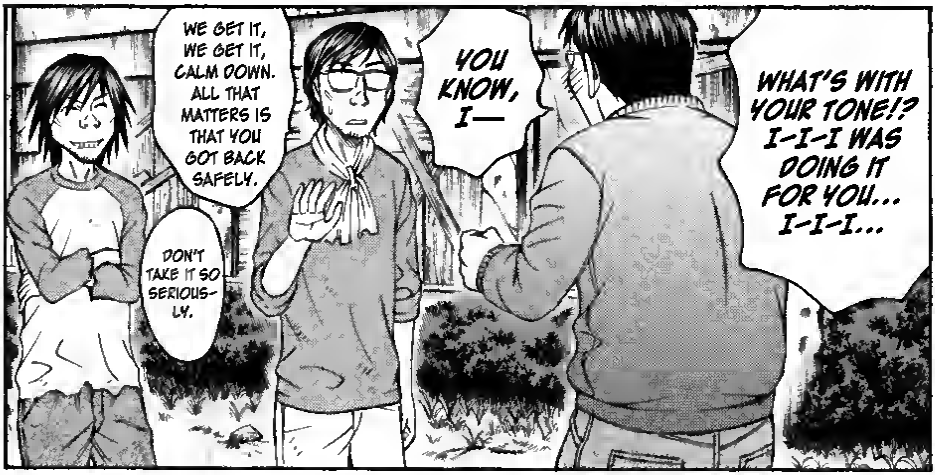



OH...

H-HEY...
YOU...!!

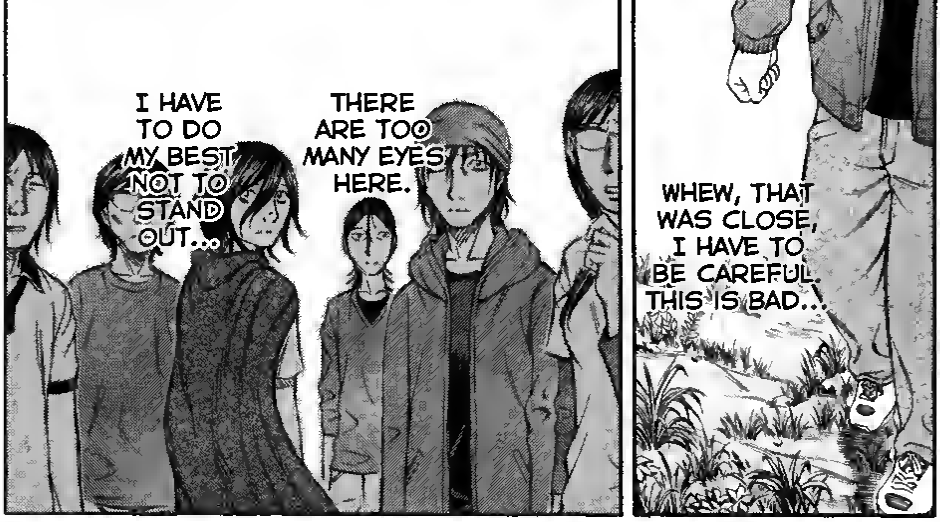
A-AND I WASN'T SLOW AT RUNNING AWAY!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING FAT! MY NAME IS NORIO! SUZUKI NORIO!!
YOU'RE THE FAT GUY WHO WAS SLOW AT ESCAPIN'...

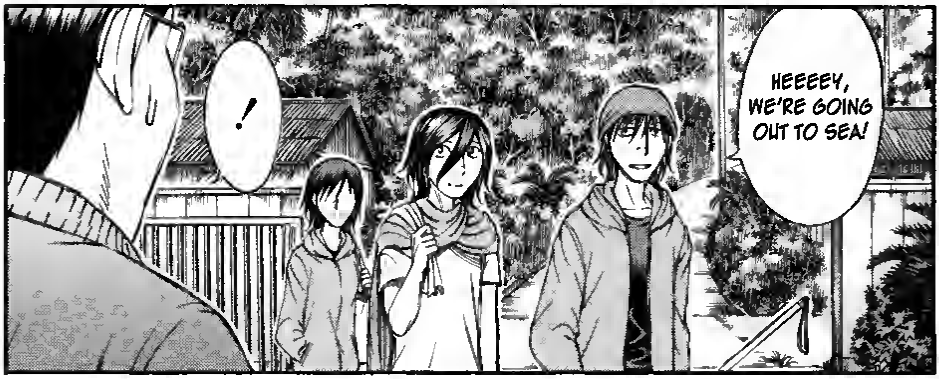
HUH.
REEAA AALLY?
OUR PURSUERS LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE GOING TO CATCH UP TO EVERYONE... SO I DREW THEM AWAY!
I-I RAN IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, SO ALTHOUGH I WAS COMING BACK IT JUST TOOK SOME TIME.


WE GET IT, WE GET IT, CALM DOWN. ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU GOT BACK SAFELY.
DON'T TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY.
YOU KNOW, I—
WHAT'S WITH YOUR TONE!? I-I-I WAS DOING IT FOR YOU... I-I-I...

.....
JEEZ...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, CLEAN THIS PLACE UP, PLEASE.
From the wood chips and stuff
DON'T SPACE OUT—

WHA!!?
DON...
EH... EHHH!?
NO, I MEAN,
YOU WEREN'T RUNNING THE OTHER WAY, WERE YOU?
YOU WERE WITH US THE WHOLE TIME, WEREN'T YOU?
YOU WERE RUNNING AWAY TOGETHER WITH US, UP UNTIL THE PORT...
EHHH!?
Y-YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING AT ALL!
DON'T SAY SUCH STUPID THINGS! YOU MUST HAVE SEEN WRONG!
THERE'S SOMETHING MORE TO THIS...
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HAVE GOTTEN IT WRONG, NOT WITH THAT BODY SHAPE...


I HAVE TO DO MY BEST NOT TO STAND OUT...
THERE ARE TOO MANY EYES HERE.
WHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE, I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL. THIS IS BAD...!


!
HEEEEY, WE'RE GOING OUT TO SEA!

THANK GOODNESS... I WAS WORRIED.
OH! SO YOU ACTUALLY DID GO BACK!

I'LL DO IT.
YEAH, I'M GOING TO DO IT.
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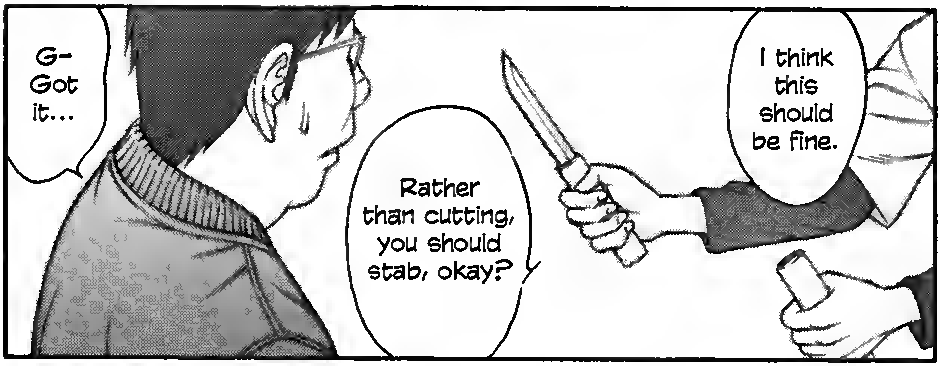
G-Got it...
Rather than cutting, you should stab, okay?
I think this should be fine.

Uh... um...
After you've stabbed him, run away.
Stab properly up to the handle.
Any-where on the torso is good, although the stomach would be best.

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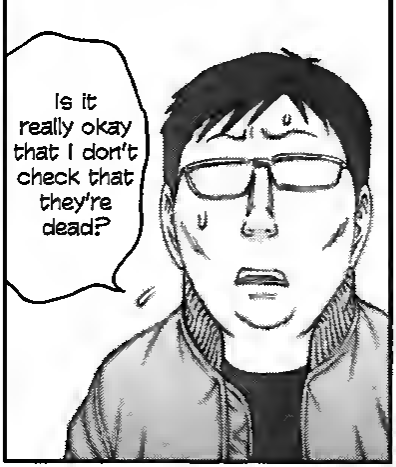
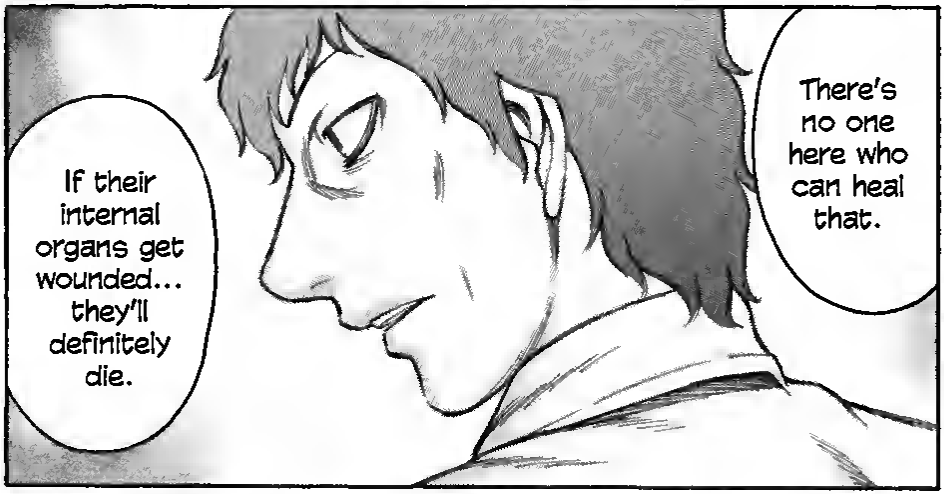
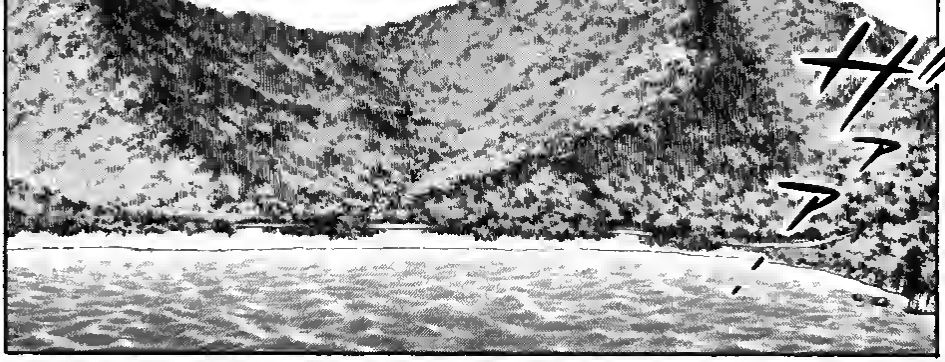
Yeah, it's fine.


Is it really okay that I don't check that they're dead?


If their internal organs get wounded... they'll definitely die.
There's no one here who can heal that.

DIE.
DEFINITELY...

THEY'LL DIE...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A-ARE YOU OKAY!?
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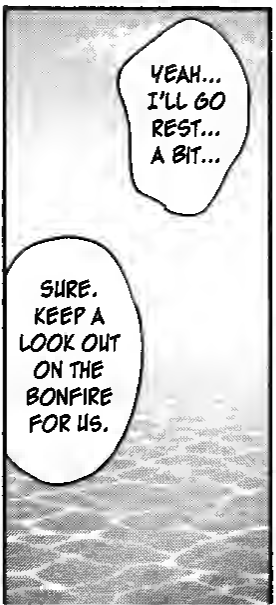
hah
U... U'M BVINE...

hah
Puaaagh!
hah
buhah


YEAH... I'LL GO REST... A BIT...
SURE. KEEP A LOOK OUT ON THE BONFIRE FOR US.

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU WENT ASHORE?
HEY... WE BROUGHT YOU ALONG BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU COULD SWIM, YOU KNOW?
THIS... THIS IS STRANGE...

TH... THIS IS...
YOU ALRIGHT?
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ALTHOUGH I HAVE TO STAY WITH THEM... AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO CREATE CHANCES...
UUU...
IT'S COLD AND THERE ARE WAVES AND CURRENTS, RIGHT?
IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME, IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
AH!!

OH, JUST GOING TO THE
TOILET FOR A BIT...
AH... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
AH!
M-ME TOO...!!

IF I'M GOING TO DO IT, IT'LL HAVE TO BE HIM... IF IT'S HIM...
IF I GET INTO A STRUGGLE WITH RYOU, IT'S VERY POSSIBLE I'LL LOSE ON PHYSIQUE

IF I STAB HIM AND RUN AWAY, THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CATCH ME.
RYOU AND THE WOMAN ARE STILL IN THE SEA

NUMBER 1 YOU CAN JUST DO IN THE SEA, SO...
WELL, I'M GOING NUMBER 2...
WH-WHAT?
UH... ERR...

THERE ISN'T ANY PAPER, SO I USE THE GRASS... YEAH.
WELL, I'LL BE OVER HERE, SO...
AH! G-GOT IT...!

IT'S THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY...

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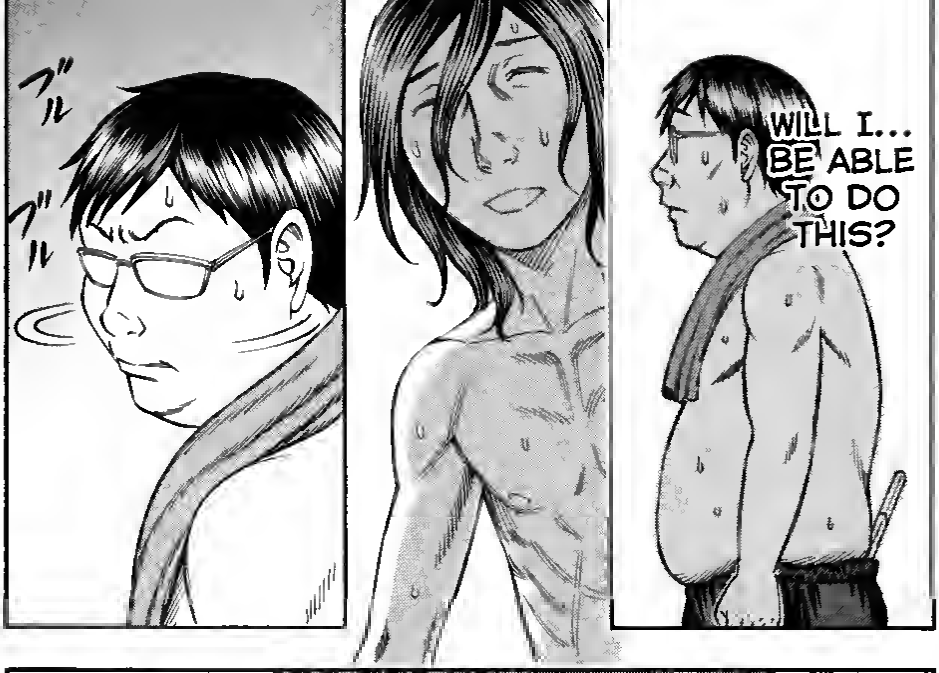
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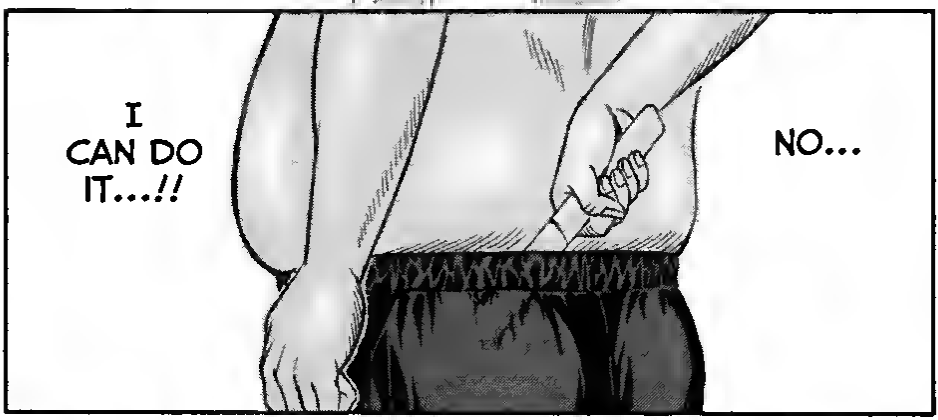
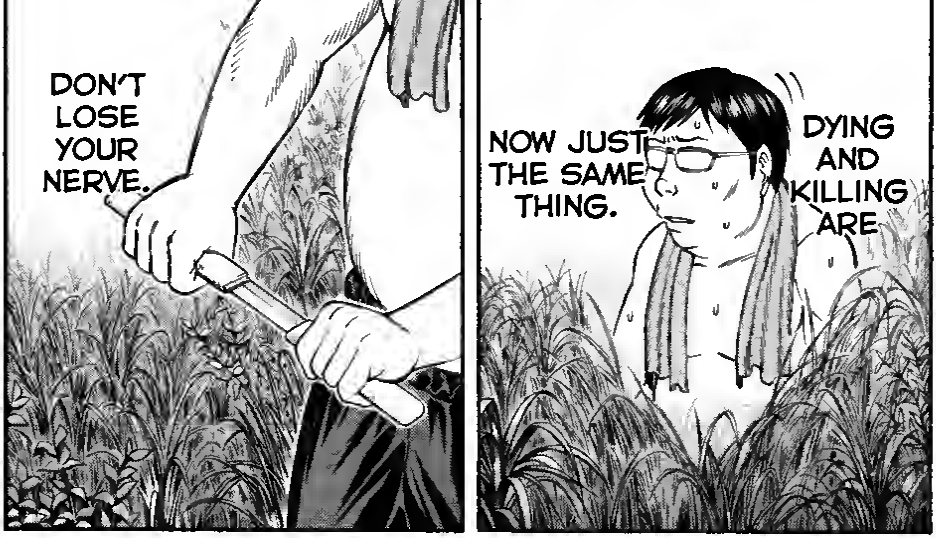
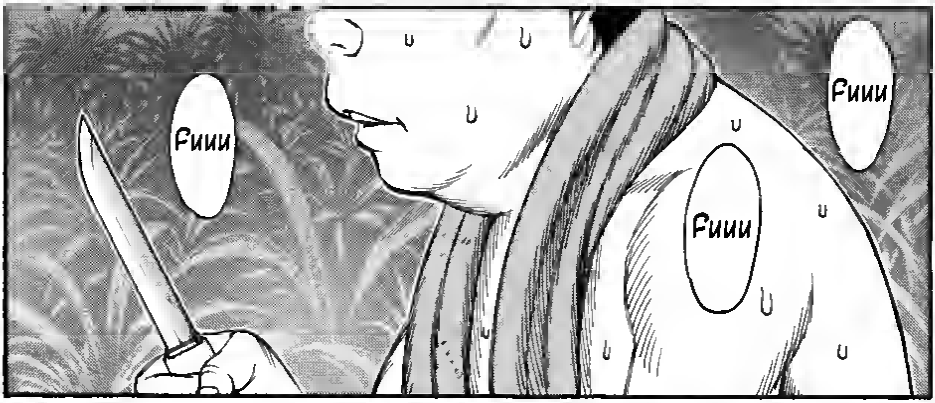
WILL I... BE ABLE TO DO THIS?


I CAN DO IT...!!
NO...

I CAN CHANGE IT HERE.
I THREW AWAY MY LIFE ONCE...


DON'T LOSE YOUR NERVE.
NOW JUST THE SAME THING.
DYING AND KILLING ARE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HM?
HE'S THERE!!!
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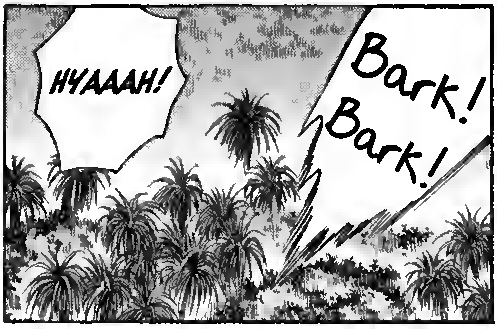
C'MON, SCRAM!
Shoo! Shoo!
SHIT...

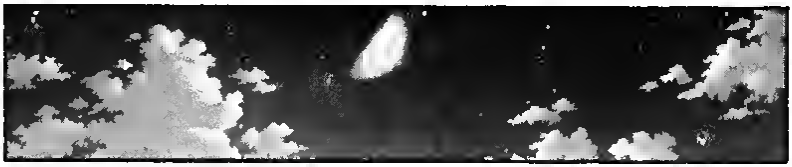
Rrr...
Grr....


HYAAAH!
Bark! Bark!

AHHH... STOP, STOP...!
Grrrr!
STOP!!
H-HEY! IKIRU!

Whine...
S-SORRY ABOUT THAT...! ARE YOU OKAY?

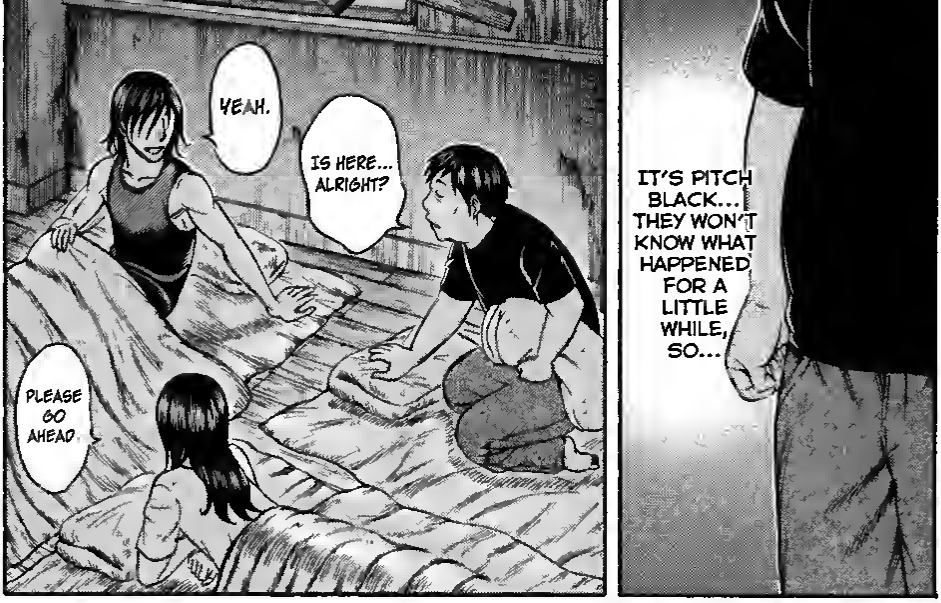
A DOG... THIS IS PRETTY DIFFICULT...
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE...
IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME FOR HIM TO GET USED TO YOU, SO...



YEAH, I'VE BEEN KEEPING A LOOKOUT WITH MY DOG...
ARE YOU SLEEPING ON THE FIRST FLOOR?

.....

TAKE IT SLOWLY UNTIL YOU CAN MANAGE.
DON'T OVERDO IT STRAIGHT FROM THE START, OKAY?
OH!
TODAY MUST HAVE BEEN HARD FOR YOU, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
R-RYOU...
THERE ARE SOME FUTONS OVER THERE, USE THEM.
YEAH, ALL US GUYS TOGETHER!
The women are next door
O... OKAY. ARE WE SLEEPING HERE?
IF I STAB HIM BUT MAKE TOO MUCH NOISE, WILL I BE ABLE TO GET AWAY...?
EVERY-ONE... HUH.


YEAH.
IS HERE... ALRIGHT?
PLEASE GO AHEAD.
IT'S PITCH BLACK... THEY WON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED FOR A LITTLE WHILE, SO...

THEY'RE THE SAME AS THOSE GUYS THAT MADE FUN OF ME.
AT FIRST, THEY'RE ALL FRIENDLY. THEY'RE NOT MY ALLIES. THEY'RE ENEMIES... ALL OF THEM.

THIS IS GOODBYE TO THE OLD ME.
I'LL CHANGE EVERY-THING.
This is a joke, right? Seriously, let me off for this, okay?
Eh... Go... out? With who?
FUCK ALL THE WOMEN...
I CAN FREELY
THIS IS GOING TO CHANGE ME...

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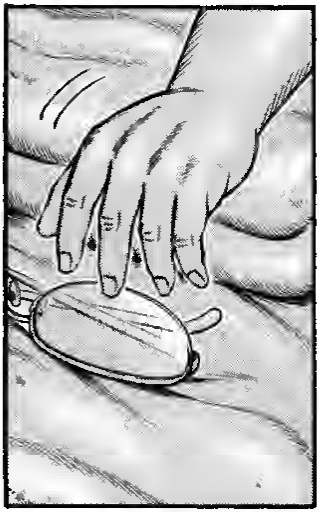

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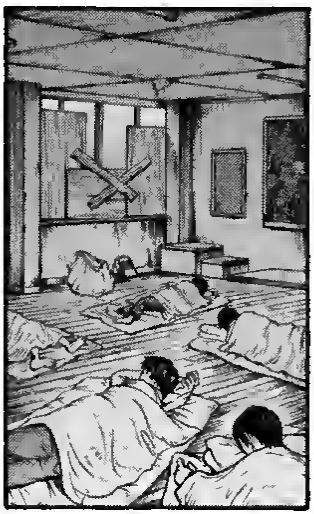
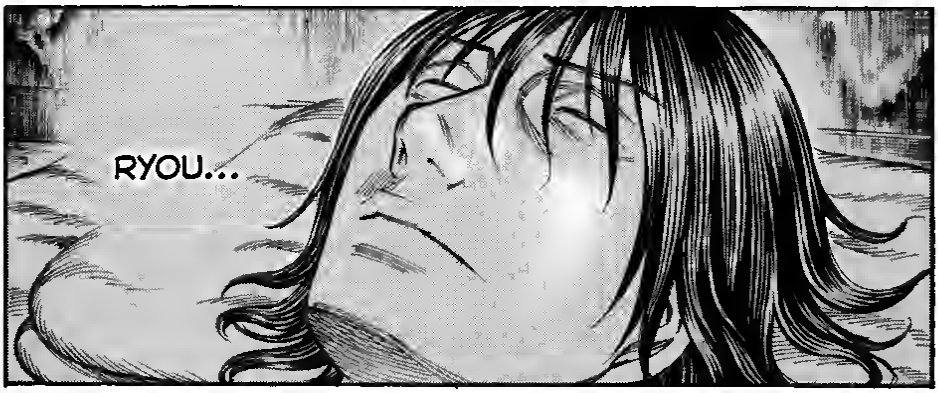


THE MOON'S OUT... AT LEAST I CAN SEE...



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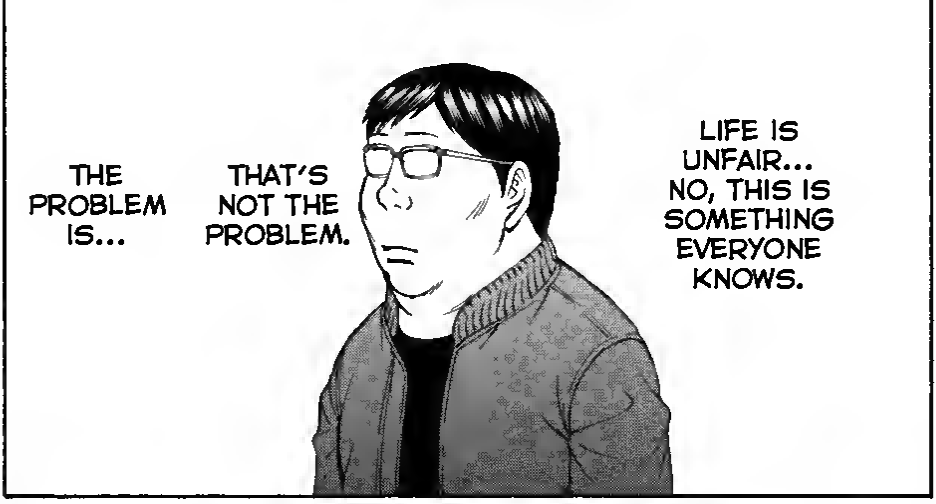
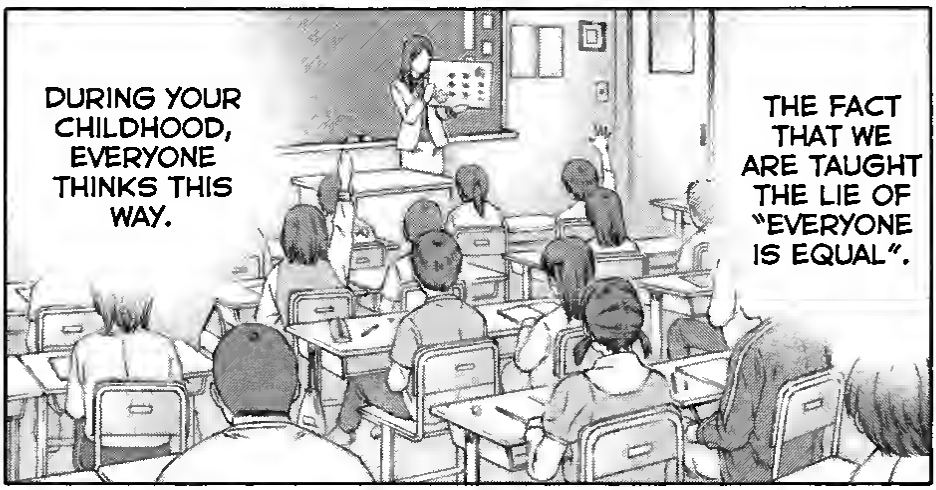
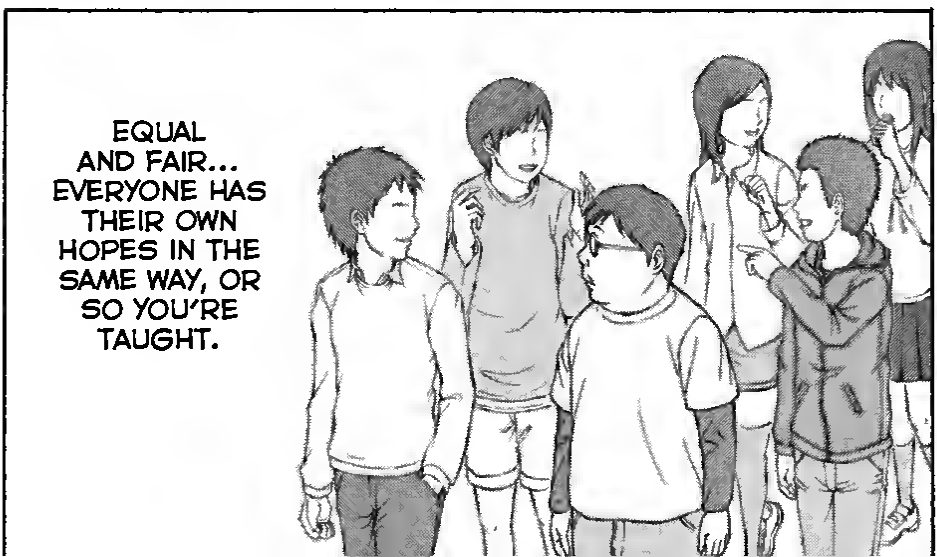
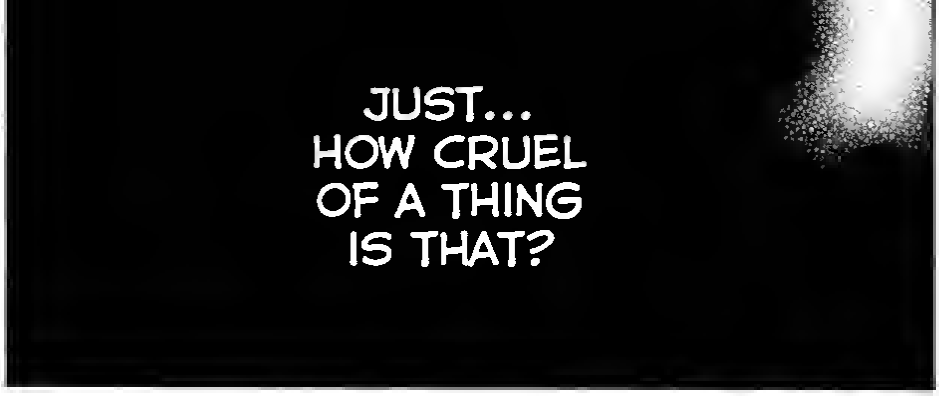
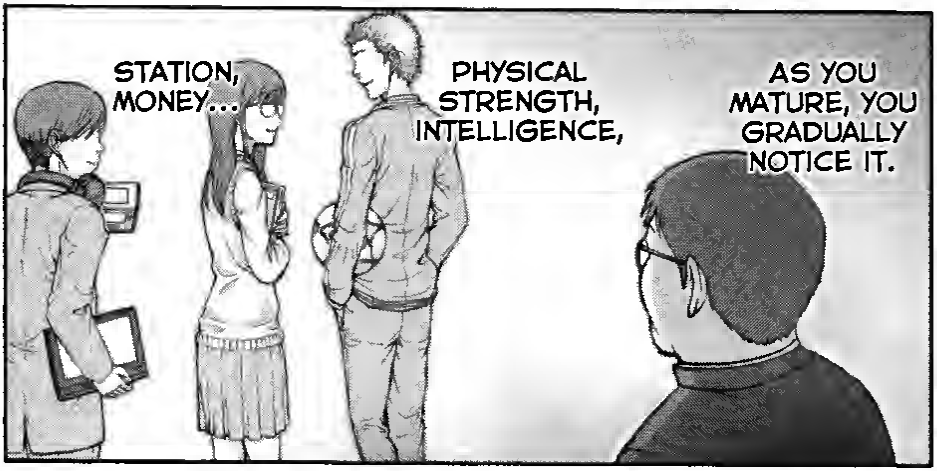
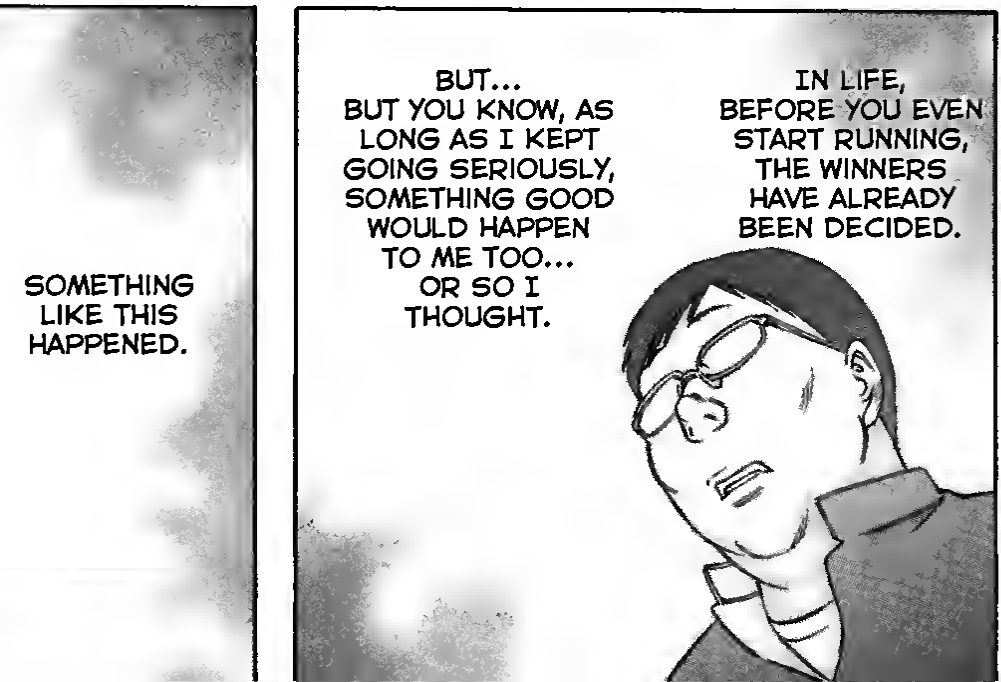

THE PROBLEM IS...
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.
LIFE IS UNFAIR... NO, THIS IS SOMETHING EVERYONE KNOWS.


DURING YOUR CHILDHOOD, EVERYONE THINKS THIS WAY.
THE FACT THAT WE ARE TAUGHT THE LIE OF "EVERYONE IS EQUAL".

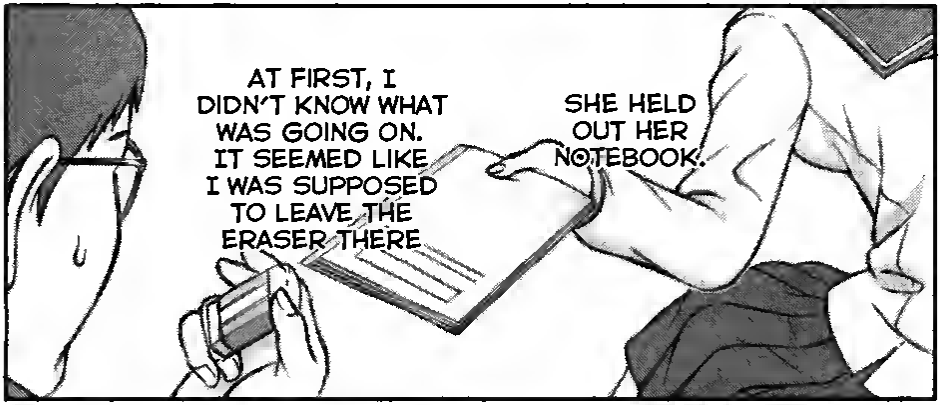

EQUAL AND FAIR... EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN HOPES IN THE SAME WAY, OR SO YOU'RE TAUGHT.


JUST...
HOW CRUEL
OF A THING
IS THAT?


STATION,
MONEY...
PHYSICAL
STRENGTH,
INTELLIGENCE,
AS YOU
MATURE, YOU
GRADUALLY
NOTICE IT.


SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
HAPPENED.
BUT...
BUT YOU KNOW, AS
LONG AS I KEPT
GOING SERIOUSLY,
SOMETHING GOOD
WOULD HAPPEN
TO ME TOO...
OR SO I
THOUGHT.
IN LIFE,
BEFORE YOU EVEN
START RUNNING,
THE WINNERS
HAVE ALREADY
BEEN DECIDED.

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,
I PICKED UP THE ERASER THE GIRL WHO WAS SITTING IN FRONT OF ME HAD DROPPED.
SHE CANDIDLY SHOWED A TROUBLED EXPRESSION.


SHE HELD OUT HER NOTEBOOK.
AT FIRST, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON. IT SEEMED LIKE I WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE ERASER THERE

IN THE NEXT MOMENT, I UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING.
SHE DIDN'T LOOK AT ME, SHE DIDN'T THINK OF ME, SHE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE... SHE DIDN'T WANT TO RECOGNIZE ME. THE TRUTH.

ON THE CONTRARY, WITH EACH PASSING YEAR, TERRIBLE THINGS, DIFFICULTIES, WOULD KEEP ON INCREASING.

AFTER THIS, EVEN IF I TRIED SERIOUSLY, EVEN IF I WORKED HARD, NOTHING GOOD WOULD HAPPEN.

LOOKS,

LOOKS,

BIRTH, FINANCES,

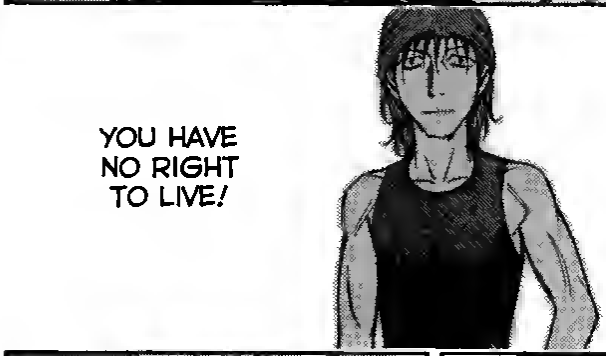
ABILITY, FIGURE, TALENT,

LOOKS.

THEREFORE,

I'M SO FED UP WITH THIS! REALLY...

THIS IS MY RIGHT!
I WILL KILL YOU!!!


YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO LIVE!
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE SO BLESSED IN BIRTH, YOU THREW YOUR LIFE AWAY.

Fuu
THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE...!!
Fuu
THEREFORE, DIE FOR ME!

I...
Fuu
uuu
Fuu
DO WHATEVER I LIKE...!
I'LL...
I'LL EVEN HAVE SEX WITH GIRLS!!
Fuu
Fuu
uuu
Fuuu
Fuu
!!!
YOU SHOULD STOP.
SHIT...
SHI...

Y...
YOU SHI—
YOU SHOULD JUST STOP.
DON'T PUSH YOUR-SELF.

WHA...
HEY, HEY... THIS WOULD BE EVEN MORE EXCESSIVE.
IF YOU MAKE A FUSS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET AWAY.

CALM DOWN.
DOING SUCH A THING...
hah
Fuu

LET'S TALK FOR A BIT... ON THE ROOF.

TALK...?
hah
fuu
hah

OHH, THE MOON... IT'S PRETTY BRIGHT AFTER ALL.
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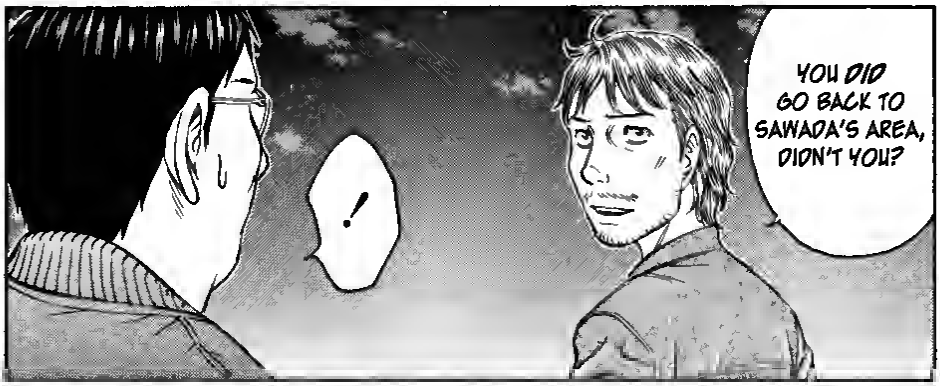
YOU DID GO BACK TO SAWADA'S AREA, DIDN'T YOU?
!

WE WERE TOGETHER UP UNTIL THE PORT. THERE'S NO WAY I GOT IT WRONG.
YOU WENT BACK AND WANTED THEM TO TAKE YOU IN.
...AM I WRONG?

AND SO, IN ORDER FOR YOU TO JOIN, THEY SET A CONDITION.
THEY PAY FOR YOUR MANUAL LABOR BY LETTING YOU HAVE SEX WITH WOMEN OVER THERE.
IT SURE WAS AMAZING, WASN'T IT... THAT FEAST OF DEBAUCHERY.
.....

"KILL THE LEADER OVER THERE, THEN COME BACK".

IF YOU ACCOMPLISHED SOME GREAT FEAT, THEN YOU COULD JOIN.
"WE'LL TREAT YOU WELL!" OR SUCH.
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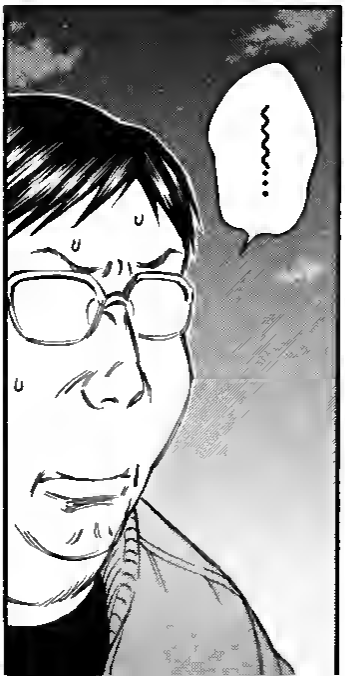
I'M A JOURNALIST, YOU KNOW? I'M COLLECTING INFORMATION.
I JUST WANT TO SEE EVERYTHING I CAN!

NO WAY.
A-ARE YOU GOING TO EXPOSE ME...!?

WHAT!!?
YOU DIDN'T SEEM LIKE YOU'D BE ABLE TO DO IT.
IF I DIDN'T STOP YOU, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE SOMETHING EVEN MORE AMAZING... PLUS,



EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T OVERDO IT LIKE THAT, YOU'D STILL BE ABLE TO HAVE SEX WITH A WOMAN.
I'M NOT MAKING FUN OF YOU. NO ONE WOULD SO QUICKLY BE ABLE TO KILL A PERSON.

EEEHH!!?
THERE'S EVEN A PROSTITUTE, APPARENTLY.
She'll let you do her in exchange for goods.
I'M INTERESTED TOO.
DO YOU WANT TO GO?
WELL, EITHER WAY, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO THINK ABOUT IT FIRST?
IF A SENSITIVE GUY LIKE YOU DID SOMETHING LIKE KILLING SOMEONE, I THINK YOU'D SUFFER PLENTY AFTER.
AFTER THAT, IF YOU'RE STILL GOING TO DO IT, I WON'T STOP YOU.

NOW THEN, I'M GOING BACK TO BED.
ファ…
……

I GOT IT! I'VE FOUND OUT!
WHA-WHAT, I COULDN'T POSSIBLY GO...
SO... YOU SEE...
HM?
YEAH.
THANKS!
YOU LITTLE...
DON'T BE LATE FOR AFTERNOON WORK!
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE... OKAY!!?
UM, BUT...
IT SHOULD BE A LITTLE FURTHER UP FROM HERE...
OH!
IS THAT IT?

WHO ARE YOU GUYS?
S'CUSE ME!
H- HOLD ON, STOP IT!
WHAT IS IIIIT? I'M NAPPING, SO...
ガチャ
OH...
Boobs
.....
WELL... THEN.
THAT IS...
WHAT WILL IT BE? I CAN DO A LITTLE BIT, THOUGH.
HMMM? SO YOU'RE NEW-COMERS.
WITH JUST THIS LITTLE, I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO ALL THE WAY.

H... HEY!
SO THEN, GOOD LUCK.
EHH!?
THIS GUY. IT'S THIS GUY!!
SO, WHO'S FIRST?
GET NAKED.
Here we go
HEY.
EH?
OH...
WHAT DID YOU COME... WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO!?
JEEZ, WHAT IS IT!? JUST...
W-WAIT!
AH!
REALLY, YOU JUST CAN'T BE HELPED, CAN YOU?
KYA!
H-HOLD ON!
STOP!!

HUUUUH!?
I WANT TO... KISS!!
KI... KI... KISS...
I'M GOING BACK...
AH... NO, IT'S FINE...
WHAT?
WH...
AND BREATHE THROUGH YOUR NOSE.
CLOSE YOUR EYES,
DON'T CLOSE YOUR MOUTH,
ピト
HOLD ON.
COME OVER HERE.

OH...
FUOOOOOHH!
RIGHT,
GOOD BOY.
Y-YES!
Fuu
HEY!
Fuu
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...SO...
...OFT...
SOFT...

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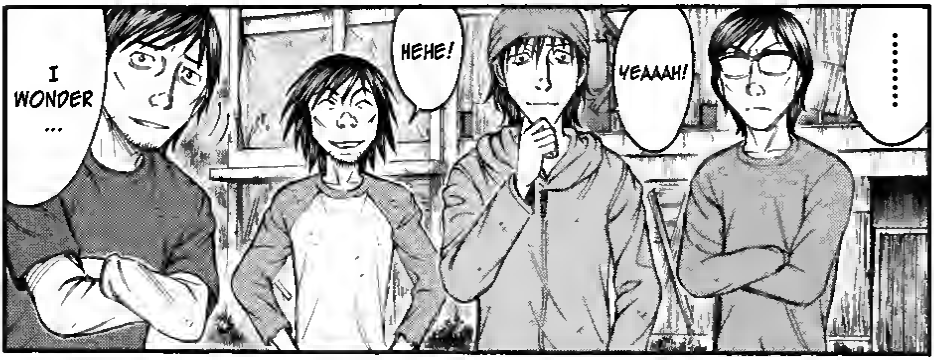

I WONDER ...
HEHE!
YEAAAH!
.....

IT'S UN-EXPECTEDLY EFFECTIVE, ISNT IT?
JUST,
NO, I'M NOT SAYING IT'S BAD OR ANYTHING...
I-I THINK IT'LL DEFINITELY BE USEFUL...

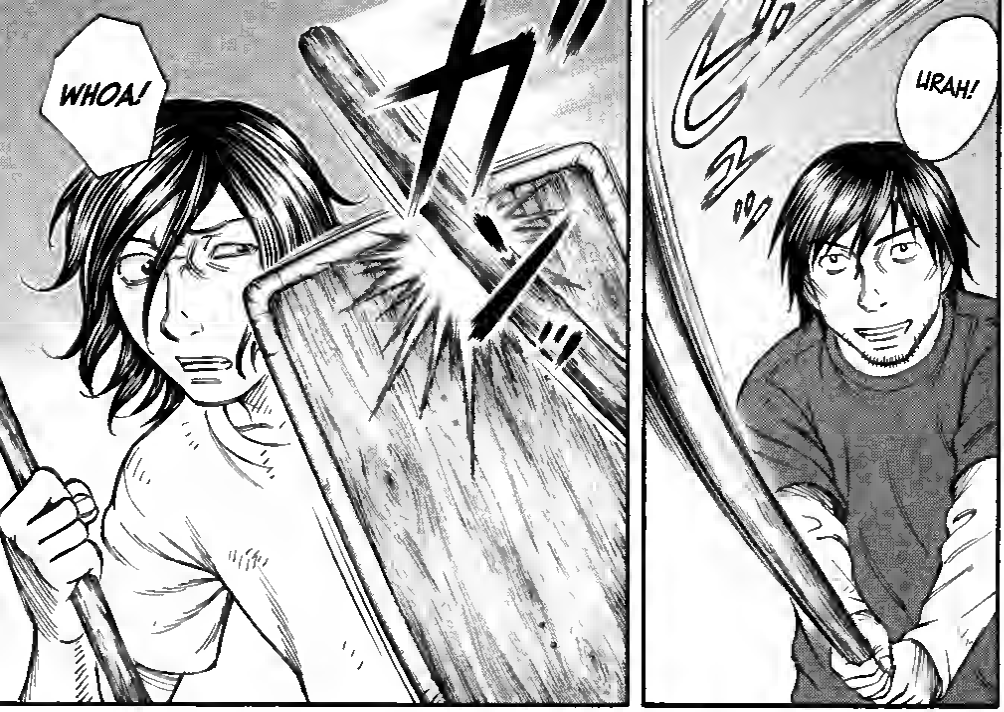
MOST CIVILIZATIONS HAVE BEEN USING SHIELDS SINCE THE BC'S.
IN A PITCHED MELEE, IT'S ACTUALLY NECESSARY, I SUPPOSE.

I WAS JUST THINKING... WE'VE HAD SO MANY FIGHTS BEFORE, IF ONLY WE HAD SHIELDS THEN...
YEAH...
I'D REALLY RATHER SWING A METAL PIPE AROUND WITH BOTH HANDS!

HEY, SEI, LET'S GO!
EHH? I'M DOING THIS!?
LIGHTLY! I'LL HIT LIGHTLY!

WELL, PROOF OVER THEORIES, RIGHT? LET'S TRY IT OUT.

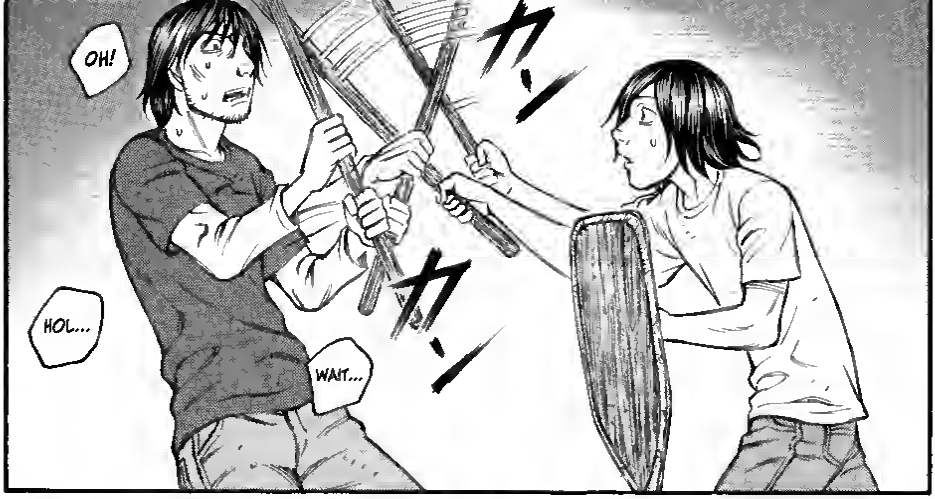
GO EASY NOW.
I GOT IT, I GOT IT, COME ON.
THIS IS JUST PRACTICE, OKAY? HIT LIGHTLY, OKAY?
GOOD LUCK.
SEI!
.....
WELL, I GUESS IT'LL BE TOUGH, EH?
SEI WITHOUT A BOW IS JUST, WELL...
SO THEN, I'M GOING TO GO FROM HERE.
With a bang!


WHOA!
URAH!

WAH!
YO!
UUU!
TAH!

IT BLOCKS WELL, DOESN'T IT?
HRMM?

I GUESS I HAVE TO AIM FOR THE LEGS...
hah
THERE'S SO LITTLE SPACE TO HIT...
hah
ポコ!
OW!
OH...
AH!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HOL...
WAIT...
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YOU LITTLE...
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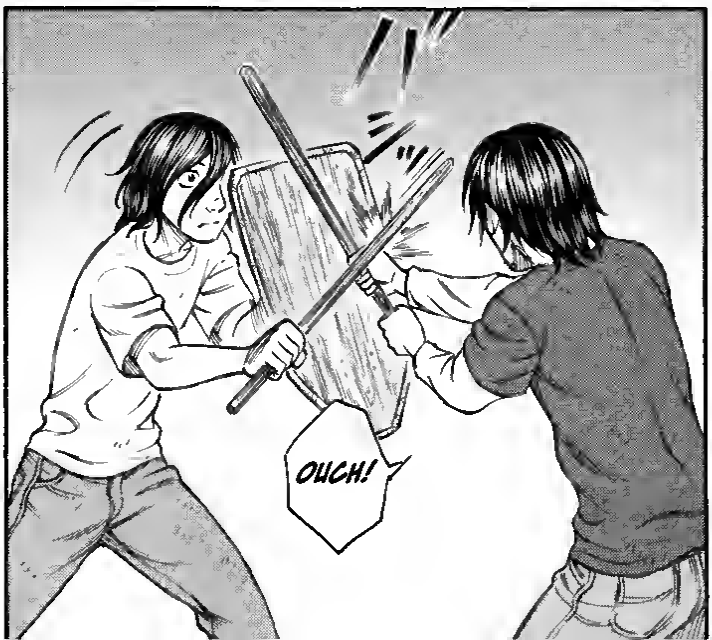
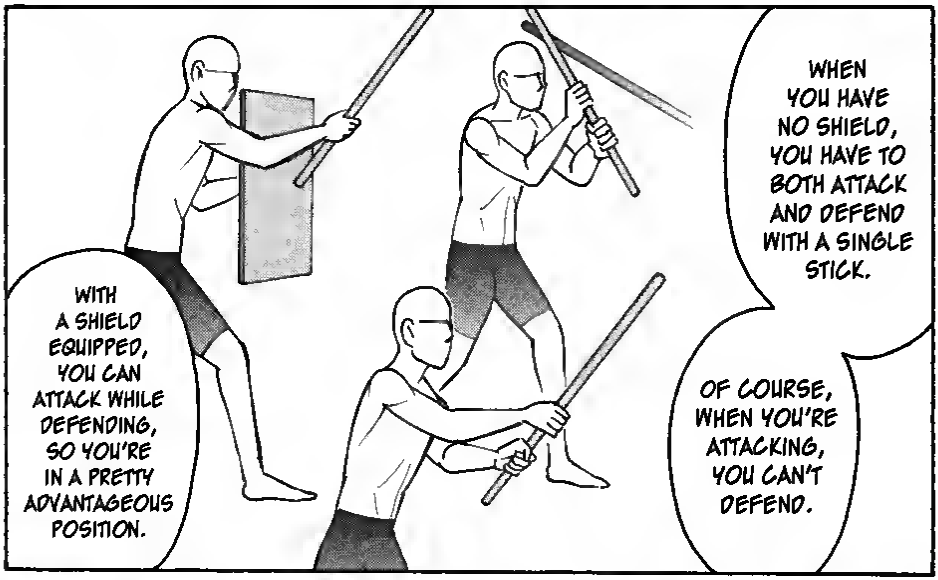
I SEE!


OUCH!

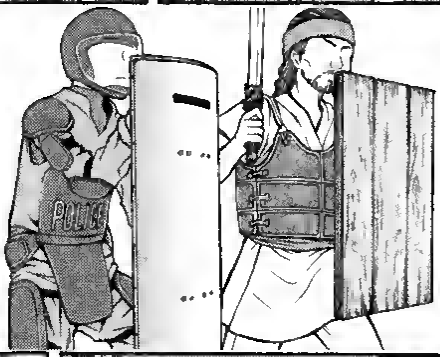
ATTACKING AND DEFENDING.
THE WORK?
BECAUSE THE WORK'S SPLIT INTO TWO, IT'S BETTER!


WITH A SHIELD EQUIPPED, YOU CAN ATTACK WHILE DEFENDING, SO YOU'RE IN A PRETTY ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION.
WHEN YOU HAVE NO SHIELD, YOU HAVE TO BOTH ATTACK AND DEFEND WITH A SINGLE STICK.
OF COURSE, WHEN YOU'RE ATTACKING, YOU CAN'T DEFEND.

WAIT, HOLD ON...
O-OKAY.
SE! LET ME TRY TOO!
I SEE!

WH-WHATS WITH THAT...
NIHE HEHE!
CAP! 0-ONE FOR ME AS WELL!
I HAVE ANOTHER ONE.
GAH!
UORAH!
D-DAMNIT.
Ow, ow, ouww!
HEY, IT'S MY WIN!

I LIKE THIS! THANKS, CAP!
IT SURE IS EFFECTIVE TO HIT SOMEONE AND KNOCK THEM OVER.
WHEN YOU'RE EQUIPPED THE SAME WAY, DIFFERENCE IN PHYSICAL STRENGTH DECIDES THINGS AFTER ALL, EH?
TCH!

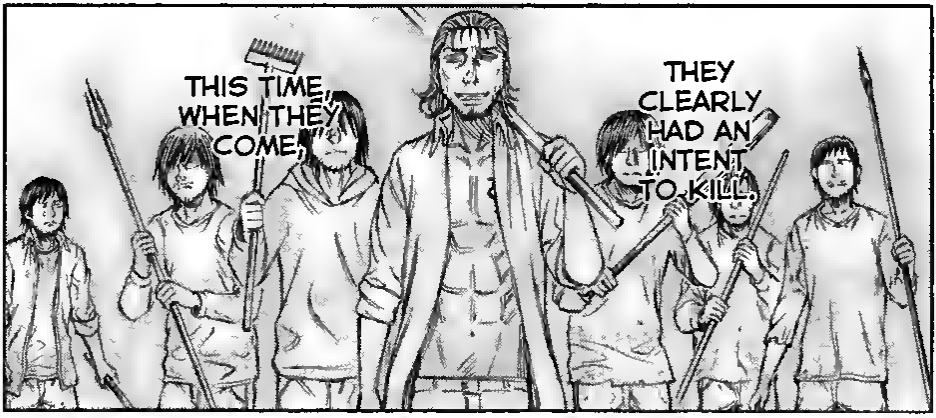


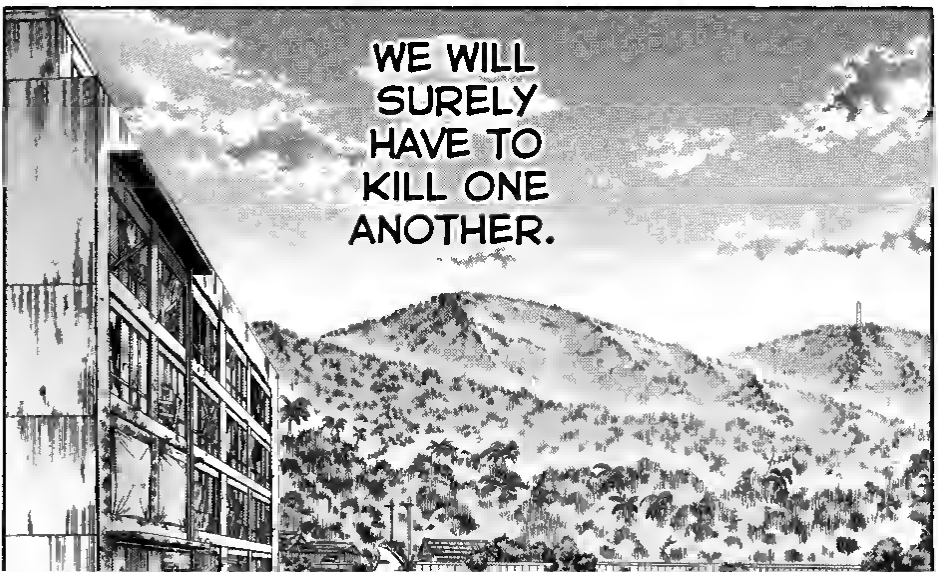
AND SO, EVEN TODAY, POLICE AND SUCH STILL ACTUALLY USE THEM, DEMONSTRATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SHIELDS.

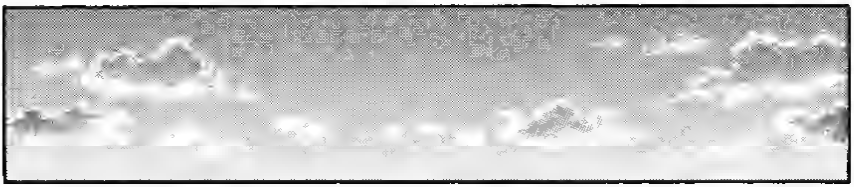
SHIELDS HAVE BEEN USED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS A FORM OF ARMOR SINCE WELL INTO THE PAST, SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS BC.

COULD YOU JUST STOP ALREADY?
YOU'RE STILL SAYING SUCH NAIVE...
!
H... HEY, LETHALITY? YOU...
THAT'S A BIT TOO DANGEROUS, ISN'T IT?
!
SU... SUGI...
!
RYOU, YOU BEING LIKE THIS IS TROUBLING. PLEASE BE MORE PRAGMATIC.
THIS ISN'T A CONTEST OR A GAME... OUR ENEMIES ARE COMING HERE TO KILL US!

THEY WERE COMING TO KILL.
SUGI WAS CORRECT. THEY WEREN'T COMING TO JUST ATTACK US,
I COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING.
B... BUT...


THIS TIME, WHEN THEY COME,
THEY CLEARLY HAD AN INTENT TO KILL.


WE WILL SURELY HAVE TO KILL ONE ANOTHER.



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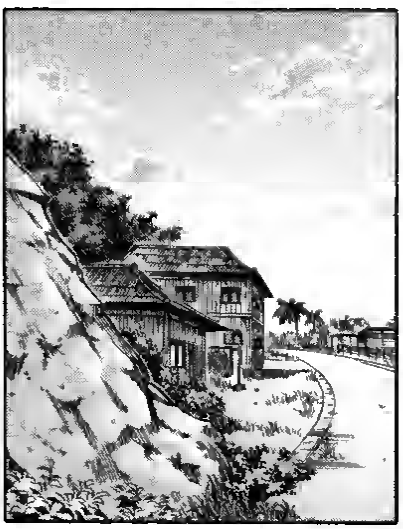
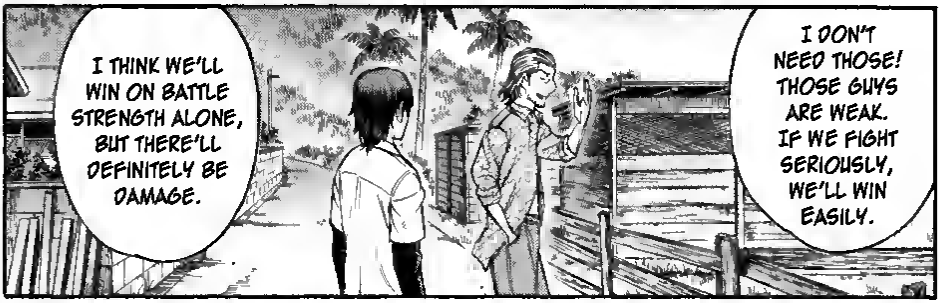


YOU SEEM TO HAVE MISREAD THINGS THIS TIME.
THAT PERVERTED FATTY FAILED, YOU KNOW?
HE MUST HAVE BACKED OUT OF IT.

WELL, IT'S FINE EITHER WAY...
HMPH.
THERE WAS NO RISK FOR US.
WE ONLY TOLD HIM IF HE SUCCEEDED HE'D BE ABLE TO BECOME HAPPY.

I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF WE MADE PREPARA-TIONS OR A STRATEGY.
...THAT'S RATHER SUDDEN...
TOMORROW, WE'LL GO TO ATTACK THEM.


I THINK WE'LL WIN ON BATTLE STRENGTH ALONE, BUT THERE'LL DEFINITELY BE DAMAGE.
I DON'T NEED THOSE! THOSE GUYS ARE WEAK. IF WE FIGHT SERIOUSLY, WE'LL WIN EASILY.

IT'S FINE.
YEAH, THERE'LL DEFINITELY BE SOME.

I DON'T CARE AT ALL HOW MANY DIE ON THEIR SIDE OR OURS.
SO LONG AS I REMAIN AND THEY'RE ELIMINATED, IT'S FINE.

IT'S NOT A DIFFICULT PROBLEM AT ALL.

SAWADA...
YOU'RE... MAGNIFICENT!

YOU'RE GOING TOMORROW AS WELL.
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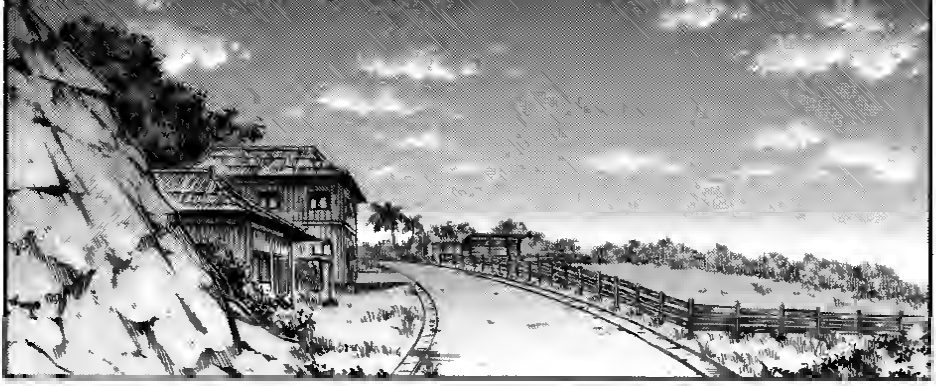
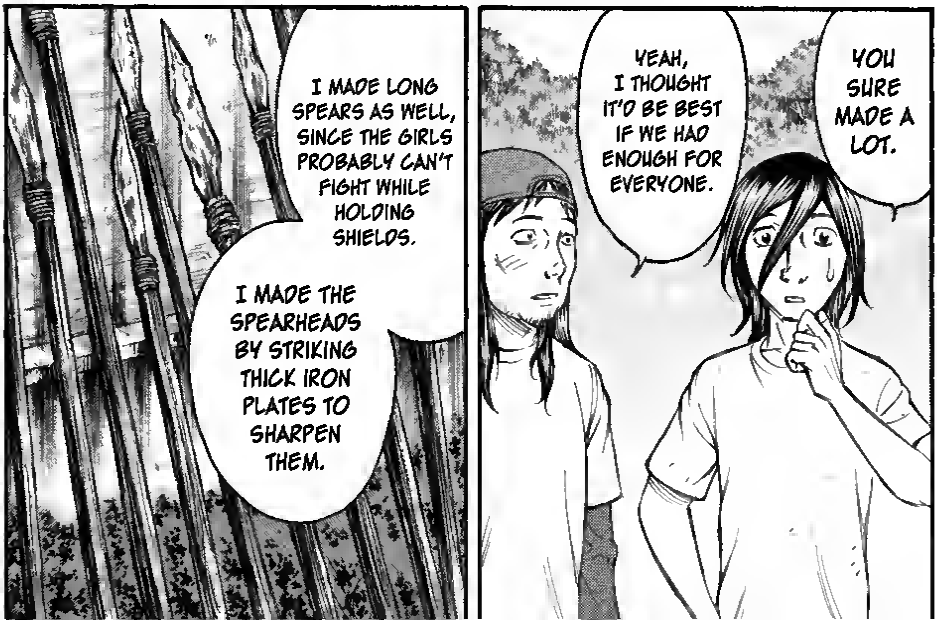
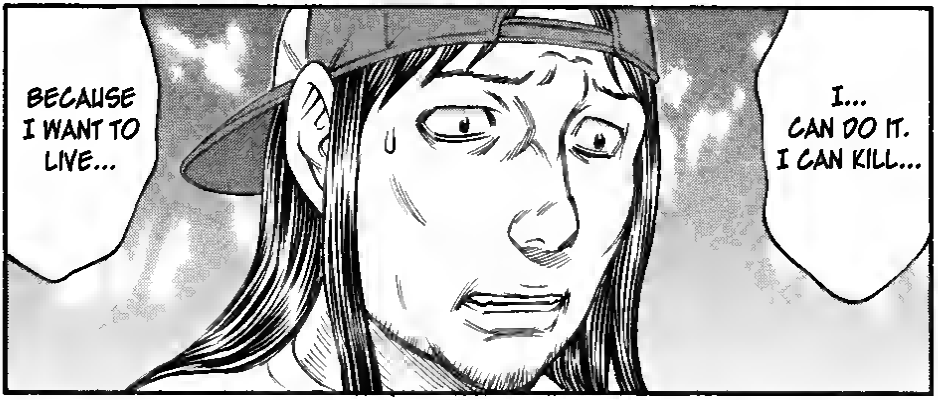


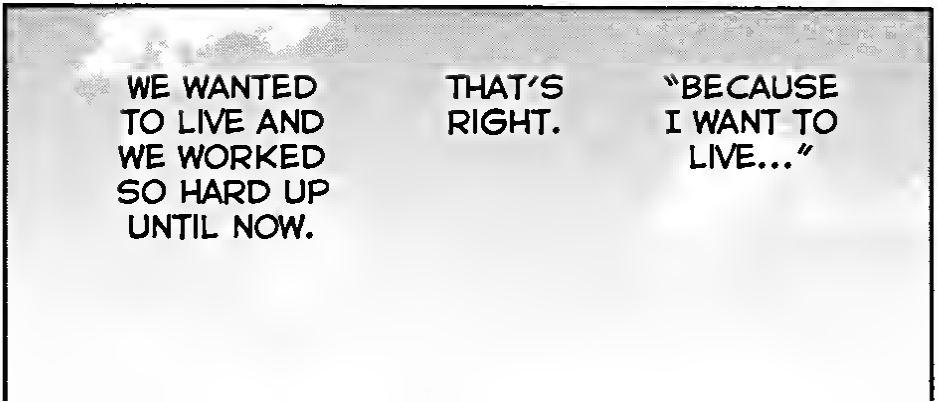

I MADE LONG SPEARS AS WELL, SINCE THE GIRLS PROBABLY CAN'T FIGHT WHILE HOLDING SHIELDS.
I MADE THE SPEARHEADS BY STRIKING THICK IRON PLATES TO SHARPEN THEM.
YEAH, I THOUGHT IT'D BE BEST IF WE HAD ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE.
YOU SURE MADE A LOT.

CAN WE REALLY... STAB SOMEONE... TO DEATH?
DO YOU THINK WE CAN?

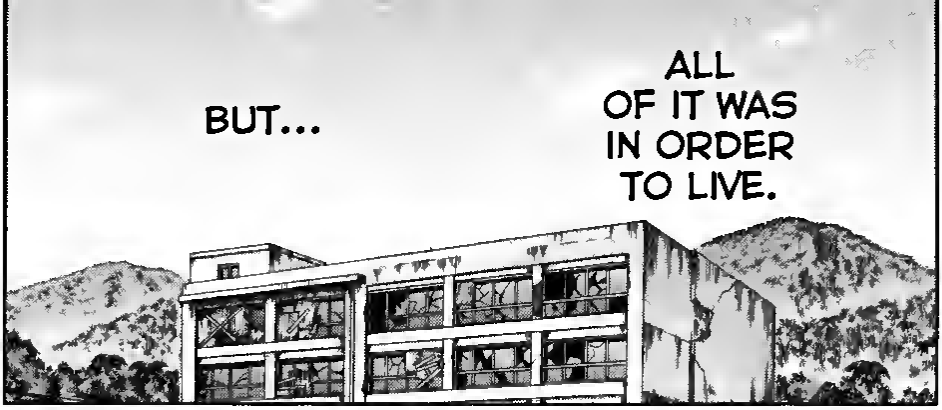
THIS IS... AMAZING.

YOU CAN... REALLY STAB... BUT,
WITH THIS...


BECAUSE I WANT TO LIVE...
I... CAN DO IT. I CAN KILL...


WE WANTED TO LIVE AND WE WORKED SO HARD UP UNTIL NOW.
THAT'S RIGHT.
"BECAUSE I WANT TO LIVE..."

WE DESPERATELY SEARCHED AND GATHERED FOOD,
IN ORDER TO LIVE,
WE, WHO THREW AWAY OUR LIVES,
SOCIETY...
MADE RULES...
AND WORKED,
WE GOT TOGETHER AS FRIENDS,
WE SCHEMED AND WORKED TOGETHER,
WE ARE
WHO SOCIETY THREW AWAY,
WE, WHO SOCIETY FORCED OUT,
REBUILDING SOCIETY.
ONCE MORE


BUT...
ALL OF IT WAS IN ORDER TO LIVE.

!!
HEYYYYY!!

hah
THEY'RE... THEY'RE HERE!
hah
ALONG THE SEASIDE ROAD... A BUNCH OF THEM... SA...
hah

KEN!
SEI! IT'S... IT'S BAD...
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ED?
hah
hah
hah

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